

“WORD OF LIFE”

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IN HIS DEATH

5 - Giving His Life a **Ransom** for Many

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- Matt. 20:28 - “The **Son of Man** came not to be served, but to serve and to *give His life* a **ransom** for many.”
- John 10:11 – “I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd *lays down His life* for the sheep.”

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

In His **humanity** the Lord served sinners even with His life, that is, with His **soulish life**.

- In John 10:11, the Lord says in a **clear** but **general way** that He would **lay down** His life.
- But in Matthew 20:28, He says **definitely** that He **gives** His life a **ransom** for many.
- The Lord Jesus gave His soul a **ransom** for many when **He died on the cross**.

During the **last three hours** the Lord Jesus was on the cross,

- God **put** our **sins** upon Him (1 Pet. 2::24 – “...bore up our sins in **His body** on a tree...),
- **regarding** Him as the **unique sinner**,
- **even** as **sin itself** (2 Cor. 5:21).

As a result,

- God **forsook** Christ **economically** (Luke 1:35 *essential Spirit*; Luke 3:22 *economical Spirit*; Matt 27:50),
- **leaving Him alone** under His judgment (Matt. 27:46).

Therefore,

- **Christ's** giving His human life as a ransom for us took place -
 - under the process of God's judgment.
 - He gave His soul life as a ransom, as a **payment**, for us.
 - This payment required a procedure that **lasted** at least **three hours**.
 - the Lord Jesus **paid the price** for us,
 - giving His soul life as a **ransom**.

Because

- God is a God of law He must **do everything legally**. Even in forgiving us, He must act legally.
- God's enemy **Satan is always watchful** to see if God will act righteously.
If God were to do anything in an unrighteous way, Satan would immediately protest.

Therefore,

- **God** had to **do everything according** to **His nature** and **His way**.
 - **Christ paid the price** for us by doing a great work -
 - **according** to God's **nature**, **justice**, and **requirements** and
 - **under** the watching of the enemy, Satan.
 - **as** our Substitute, Christ **would pay the debt** for us.

✚ SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):

- ❖ The time of **God's judgment** = (the last) **three hours**.
- ❖ The judgement of God was **paid by** = **Christ** as our **Substitute** (1 Pet. 3:18)
- ❖ Process of paying **off our debt** = went on for **three hours on the cross** (Mark 15:25; Matt 27:45, 50).
- ❖ Mode of **payment** = giving **Himself** as a **ransom** to pay off our debt before God.