

Paul H. Dixon
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Paul H. Dixon

Thank you so much. Let's take our Bibles tonight and turn to the Book of Matthew Chapter 27, shall we? The 27th of Matthew? I'm going to begin reading a little bit later in this chapter. But before I do, I'd like for us to bow for prayer.

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Paul H. Dixon

And right now tonight, before I bring this message, I'd like to encourage you. You have a great crowd here on the main floor and upstairs watching. I want all of us to pray for ourselves and to pray for each other.

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Paul H. Dixon

And I'd like for you just to take a few seconds, and no one asked God to speak to your heart. Would you do that? Would you just ask God to speak to your heart tonight and then ask him to speak to each one on each side of you?

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Paul H. Dixon

I'll give you just a few seconds to do that. Thank you, our father, for the cross. And for what can transpire tonight and so many lives because of what took place so many years ago. We pray that your spirit will do a work of conviction, of conversion, of reviving.

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Paul H. Dixon

God, Grant, that Jesus Christ, all that he did for us might begin to be realized in a small measure this evening for his sake. Amen. I'm preaching tonight on the cross. The cross is what Christianity is all about.

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Paul H. Dixon

In fact, the cross is the key that opens heaven's door. I believe that it's only at the cross that you can go and find in totality, divine love manifested for mankind. It's that the cross that the Old Testament sacrifices and all of the times by their completion.

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Paul H. Dixon

It's at the cost that so many of the Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled. It's at the cost of the foundation, and the fountain of salvation is unsealed. Someone has written the song and the name of that song is Hallelujah for the Cross.

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Paul H. Dixon

I wish that we could just begin to sing it right now. I don't know the words, but I know a little bit of how it goes, and I love that song Hallelujah for the cross. There's another song that has to do with the cross, and I also love very dearly.

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Paul H. Dixon

It's called Oh, what a savior. And when I begin to think of Jesus Christ and what he did on that cross, I say what the song writer. Oh, what a savior cross. Let's begin to think about it tonight.

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Paul H. Dixon

Some people might have the idea that God came up with the idea for the cross after this world got in such a fix and that maybe the cross was the result of God trying to get out of that fix.

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Paul H. Dixon

Not so. When you begin to study the word of God, you find that God planned the cross before you ever made the work, that the cross is inclusive and included in God's plan of redemption and salvation or every single one of us.

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Paul H. Dixon

I want us tonight to go to the cross. And I'm going to read about it in just a few minutes. But before I do, I would like to quickly move through the judgment hall that's going to take us to the crops.

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Paul H. Dixon

To be honest with you, generally when I preach on the cross, I spend most of the time in the Judgment Hall. But tonight we're just going to run through the Judgment Hall and just glimpse at a few of the things that led up to Calvary.

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Paul H. Dixon

But I do think it's important that we notice what happened before Jesus ever got to that cross. Part of us stood before the crowd, and he's given them a choice, will it be forever? So will it be Jesus?

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Paul H. Dixon

And the people have responded, let Barabbas go free and crucified Jesus. He's turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers and they've taken them into that judgment hall and they've stripped the clothes from his body. Can you imagine the one who made all of this world in its beauty and its splendor standing there before its creation?

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Paul H. Dixon

Stark naked? And as a Chapter 50 verse six, he said I hit not my face from shame. They walk him over to a post that's black, not with paint, with the dried blood of men. They put his head in a harness like affair and his arms and some ropes in his hands, and they pull those arms down

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Paul H. Dixon

until they have the skin off his back, stretched as tight as a glove. A Roman soldier with muscles bulging has his and his hand. The Roman scourge, the cat of nine times. He brings us down on the man's back and it doesn't leave a strike.

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Paul H. Dixon

On the ends of those pieces of leather are broken pieces of bone and stones that were cut into the flesh and a lock, and when he brings that down on the back of Jesus, it digs into the flesh.

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Paul H. Dixon

He pops it back and he peels the flesh light from the bone. He said in Isaiah, Chapter 50, verse six, I gave my back to the spiders. They take the beard off his face and they pull it. They literally yank the beard from the face of the son of God.

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Paul H. Dixon

As you said, I gave my cheeks to them that plucked out the hair. Isaiah Chapter 50 verse. I take a crown of thorns splattered so that some of the thorns are pointed down and some this way and some this way, and they don't gently place it on his brow lake.

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Paul H. Dixon

Cram it down until that blood begins to flow and mingle with that. That's running from the rest of his body. They bring in that 150 pound cross. And they slap it on his beaten back. And as they slap it on his beaten back, they throw open the gates of the judge, but Hall and they start leading him

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Paul H. Dixon

out through that cursing blaspheming crowd. And they take him up on Calvary. I want to pick it up and the word of God right there tonight. Beginning with Matthew 27. Verse 33. And when they were coming to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull.

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Paul H. Dixon

They gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall, and when he tasted the Ravi would not drink. And they crucified him in part of his garments, casting lots that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the prophet.

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Paul H. Dixon

They pardon my garments among them and upon my vest, or did they cast lots? Sitting down, they watched him there and set up over his head, his accusation written This is Jesus, the king of the Jews. Then where there are two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand and another on the left, they that pass

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Paul H. Dixon

by revile him wagging their heads and saying Thou that destroys the temple and bill listed in three days. Save thyself if they'll be the son of God, come on down from the cross. Likewise, also the chief priest mocking him with the scribes, an elder said he saved others himself.

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Paul H. Dixon

He cannot save Phoebe, the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross and we'll believe him. He trusted in God, let him deliver him now if you'll have him where he said, I am the son of God.

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Paul H. Dixon

The thieves also which were crucified with them cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour. There was darkness over all the land. And to the ninth hour. And let's pause there for a minute. All of this blast.

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Paul H. Dixon

All of this that they're saying, come on, Jesus, if you really all you claim to be, come on down from the cross. He could have called 10,000 angels. But he died a little. For you and me. And all of a sudden, at 12:00 noon, that's the sixth hour Jewish Time when the Sun is at the scene of

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Paul H. Dixon

the brightest God sticks up his hand and blocks out the sun. The word of God says from the sixth hour to the ninth hour, that's from 12:00 noon until 3:00 in the afternoon, there was not a ray of sunlight.

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Paul H. Dixon

It was black as midnight. What happened? During those three hours. The guard would not allow man to see. Someone has said that perhaps the Sun hit its face because this was the blackest day that the Earth would ever see.

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Paul H. Dixon

Could be. Someone said that the Sun did not shine because this was a funeral, Paul. Could be. But I somehow believe it was God who took the initiative to turn off the Sun because he would not allow man to look upon what was happening to his son.

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Paul H. Dixon

And with darkness covering that hillside. All of a sudden there came a cry from that cross that must've pierced the heart of everyone who heard. Jesus said several things on the cross. But nothing like this. All of a sudden.

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Paul H. Dixon

At the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, La Isla, Well, I'm off the back tonight. That is to say, my god, my God, why has thou for me? That's my message tonight. My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?

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Paul H. Dixon

I want to focus on those words. And there are three words that come from this that speak to my heart that I want you to think about tonight, I want you to write them down. Number one, as I hear Jesus Christ is the first word that comes to my mind is the word separation.

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Paul H. Dixon

Separation. My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? Unbelievable. But the Trinity was separated. The son was forsaken by the father, a separation took place between Jesus Christ, the son of God and God, the father. Forsaken is a terrible word.

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Paul H. Dixon

Ever stop to think about what it means to be forsaken? Sometimes there's a forsaking that takes place in an employer employee relationship. For instance, my father all worked for a man for 20 years. He made that man's business.

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Paul H. Dixon

My father was one of the finest men I've ever met. I used to remember that man getting up at five in the morning, going to work, going down to an auto parts place in Chattanooga, being the first one there to open the door.

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Paul H. Dixon

He'd be there at 6:00 in the morning. And he would stay there and he would be the last one to leave. He'd be home perhaps six, 30 7:00 at night that went on for 20 years, that man's business was nothing until my father in law made it for him.

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Paul H. Dixon

And then one day my father in law had a stroke. It was 49 years old. Well, my father in law had a stroke and couldn't work anymore. I remember going down to that employers office and sitting there and trying to

reason with him along with my mother law as he said, I'm going to have to let your

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Paul H. Dixon

. Husband, go. Let's let your father in law go. We're just going to have to cut him off. He can get money from the government. We don't have anything for him, but he'll make it OK on disability. I looked at many I said, you mean to tell me you're going to let a man build your business, make your

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Paul H. Dixon

fortune for you for 20 years and cut him off like that because he's knocked down on the stroke. That man was dead within three years with a heart attack. But my father in law went through some great anguish over that.

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Paul H. Dixon

Here was an employee who had been forsaken by his employer. That happens all of the time. To me, one of the saddest things in this world tonight is how many men who are walking out on their wives and children all over this land, sometimes for another woman.

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Paul H. Dixon

Generally, that's the reason, and they don't think about that woman who has given them so much love. They don't think about those children and what this is going to do for them. They forsake the wife and they forsake the kids because of sin forsaken, terrible work.

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Paul H. Dixon

I've even heard of wives who would do this and walk off on their husbands and walk off on the children. I can't understand that. I've always somehow thought of the life of being more of an emotional individual and thinking she would be closer to the children who wouldn't want to affect the children like that, but wives do

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Paul H. Dixon

it to forsake. Sometimes times, parents. We'll take a little baby and pull on the basket and put it on a doorstep for that child. I've met young people who've said, Paul, my parents don't want me. They put me in a home and will let me live in the home.

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Paul H. Dixon

They kicked me out. We had a young lady saved in California last week on Sunday morning. 24 years old, she said, My my parents have kicked me out of the home. A long time ago. She was hitchhiking across California when we found her and she came to the meetings and will say.

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Paul H. Dixon

Parents who forsake their children, children who forsake their parents. We have children here and see the bill right now. Oh, totally forsaking everything they've been taught from the word of God. Totally forsaking everything that their parents stand for.

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Paul H. Dixon

And they're breaking their parents hard, and they're breaking got so many who would be professing Christians. We're talking about being forsaken tonight, a tragic world. And yet. Jesus knew a lot about being forsaken. His family wouldn't have much to do with him, either.

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Paul H. Dixon

His brothers laughed at it. His brothers didn't believe him to be the one who claimed to be. He went into his own home town, and when he started performing miracles in his own hometown, they wouldn't accept it and he was rejected by his townspeople, he said a prophet is without honor in his own country.

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Paul H. Dixon

And they will believe he was forsaken by the entire nation. People who came to save people who came and offered himself to us, the Messiah, and they said, We don't want you crucify him. But, you know, he never said a word.

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Paul H. Dixon

He never looked at his brothers and said, Why did you forsake me? You never went back into town, gather the people around you, why did you forsake me? You never gathered the nation of Israel together and cried and said, Why are people saying me?

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Paul H. Dixon

Didn't never said a word? Judas. Sold him out for 30 pieces of silver, but he never said, why did you forsake me? Peter, who said he would die on the cross with him, denied him three times, but he never said, Why is that forsaken me?

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Paul H. Dixon

All of a sudden. On that cross. His heart is broken. He's never opened his mouth. During all the torture, during all the sufferings, the Roman soldiers couldn't understand it. He was like, Oh, I am going to the slaughter, never saying a thing, but now.

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Paul H. Dixon

My God. Oh, my God, why has thou versus like? That. Forsaken this. Broke his heart. That separation. He couldn't stand. All of the rest he could

bear. But to be forsaken of the father. He couldn't bear. I think it's hard for us to totally identify with this because we cannot imagine the relationship they had.

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Paul H. Dixon

The closeness of it. If there ever would be a perfect relationship of father to son, this was it. I mean, the depth of this relationship, the height of this relationship, the fullness of it, the closeness of it, you remember Jesus, when things would begin to press in upon him in the gospels, he would go out on to

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Paul H. Dixon

a mountain, the Premiere. What was he doing? He was enjoying the fellowship of the father. Now he didn't have it. Now, God was not there. My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? Martin Luther sat in his study one day and stared at the wall for four hours.

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Paul H. Dixon

And at the end of that four hour, someone jumped up and exclaimed, God forsaken a God who can understand? I can't. But I know that's what happened that day on Calvary. Separation. There's another word I want you to write down tonight.

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Paul H. Dixon

That's the word sin. What was it that caused this separation? Why did God, the father forsake God, the son? When shot right, Meat Shack and Abednego were there in the fiery furnace, God didn't forsake them. In fact, someone looked down into that fiery furnace and they said, We see a fourth that's like under the son of mine

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Paul H. Dixon

. When Daniel was in the den with the Lions, God didn't forsake, God delivered him out of the mouths of those lord. If you read Fox's Book of Martyrs. You'll find that many times they would take that question, they would put him there in the fire.

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Paul H. Dixon

They would have his hands bound to that stake in his legs. And yet, in the midst of all the suffering, you do have a smile on his face lit start to sing Amazing Grace. How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

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Paul H. Dixon

How many times you would say I can see the father and even have a very definite sense of the presence of God as they would suffer for Jesus? God didn't forsake the martyrs. He didn't forsake Daniel, he didn't forsake said, write me shocking Abednego, then why did he forsake his own son?

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Paul H. Dixon

Remember what the father did on three occasions? I've used this in speaking on the home. On how we ought to treat our children. How we ought to reinforce our children. Let our children know openly that we love them.

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Paul H. Dixon

God, the father spoke from heaven three times and said, This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. Everyone heard it. It's my beloved son in whom I am well placed, seemingly if there ever was a time when Jesus was upon this Earth that God should have open heaven and spoke with the microphone for the

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Paul H. Dixon

world to hear. I'm pleased and what my son is doing. It's now and not a word. Not a word. Why? Why did God totally forsake his son? On Calvary that day. I'll tell you why. Because a year. Because of months.

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Paul H. Dixon

God made him to become sin sin for us, this one of those sin that we might become the righteousness of God in him. And when we our sin was placed upon Jesus Christ and Jesus took that sin instead of God judging us, he judged his son.

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Paul H. Dixon

He put his son through the eternal torments of hell. Jesus Christ drank of all of the wrath of God's judgment there on the cross. And then turned his back. And allowed him to suffer. Because sin. Always separates God.

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Paul H. Dixon

Sin is what separated Adam and Eve from God. Sin is what separates you from God and me from God. Sin is what will separate us from God and eternity in hell. In fact, I think that that's going to be the the most terrible torment in hell is the fact that we'll be separated from God for all eternity

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Paul H. Dixon

. I'm glad I'm not going there because of the grace of God. Since I'm preaching to a group of people here tonight who are sinners because all sinned and come short of the glory of God, but one of the saddest things in our day is that we, as Vance Hefner says, have become used to the dark.

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Paul H. Dixon

We don't hate seeing anymore. We see so much of it on television, we can sit there and watch it, and it doesn't even move us. We can see it all

around us today, I was reading some of the letters to Time magazine this week.

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Paul H. Dixon

They had an article in all the trash and all the sex that's on TV, and most of the people are saying we don't see anything wrong with it. We think the body is beautiful. Go ahead, show all your things.

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Paul H. Dixon

Always turn it off. People, we had best face up to what sin is tonight, and we had best hate it, just like God hate. If God hates seeing so much that he would actually turn his back on his own son.

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Paul H. Dixon

What should be our attitude towards? In our lives and as we see it around us. one day. I don't couple that on a Texas prairie. Took the little girl just six years old and. Put her in bed for the night.

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Paul H. Dixon

They pulled the cover up and then walked over to the window, raised the window just a little. So the evening prairie breezes could keep her cool. They walked over to that lovely, blond headed girl and pressed a kiss to her cheek and said goodnight.

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Paul H. Dixon

And as she said, Goodnight Mommy and good night, daddy, they slipped out and closed the door and went into their bedroom. During the middle of that night. one of those Texas rattlesnakes. Started up the side of that house in slivered through that opening in the window.

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Paul H. Dixon

Down to the floor and across the floor and up on that bed. That snake coiled. And what that little girl sleep. All of a sudden. That girl. Turned in the night as a child will do while she's sleeping.

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Paul H. Dixon

And that's all it took. Immediately, that snake responded. And he sunk his things right into her face. The next morning, mom and dad came into the room. To start another joyous day. To enjoy the blessing of a little six year old running around the house.

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Paul H. Dixon

And as they opened that door, there was that little girl on her bed. Bloated. Her face had turned black. She was dead. And they're on that bed, was that rattlesnake still coiled its head swinging like a pin? You think?

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Paul H. Dixon

Of the hatred those parents would have for that snake. And in a measure, you begin to get the idea of the hatred God has forsaken. He sees what Sin has done to our home. He sees what Sin has done to his creation, what it's done in our lives, what it's doing in our nation, what it's doing in

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Paul H. Dixon

the world tonight and got it. Sin and God always judge us sin. And if you want to know the severity of sin, it was Sam that separated Jesus Christ, the son from God, the father for the only time in their eternal existence.

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Paul H. Dixon

My God, my guess. Why has thou forsaken me? Which leads me to the third word that I would like you to write down, and that's the word salvation. Separation. God, the father separated from God, the son sin that caused it.

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Paul H. Dixon

But what's it all about? The word salvation? one day some years ago, I went to New York for meetings. one particular day I went over to the Oswego University campus in Oswego, New York. I want to talk to a college professor.

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Paul H. Dixon

And as we walked along and I shared Jesus Christ with him and told him how he needed to receive Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and become a Christian, he scoffed at this. And he looked at me and said, Paul, don't you know that Jesus didn't even know why he died?

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Paul H. Dixon

I said, what do you mean? And he quoted what I'm preaching tonight. He said, don't you know that Jesus said, My God, my God, why is thou forsaken me? He didn't even know what it was all about. And you want me to trust him.

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Paul H. Dixon

How that man was a college professor, anyone who instructs on any level knows that one of the greatest means to teach is to ask questions. And many times so I'm pretty. I'll ask a question, I have to watch it because sometimes the preachers pals respond when I ask them, they're listening so intently.

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Paul H. Dixon

Everyone knows that if you want to instruct people you ask questions and then you get an answer. Jesus, never ask a question that he didn't know the answer to. Yes, a lot of questions. I remember one time in a crowd there was a woman with an issue of blood.

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Paul H. Dixon

It was in Mark five. And the people were thronging around him and they were brushing up against him. And all of a sudden this woman with the issue of blood reached out cuts. The him of this garment was made whole.

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Paul H. Dixon

Jesus turns out who touched me. His disciples rebuked him. They said, what do you mean? Who text you? All these people are touching it that no someone touched me in a very special way. I didn't know who it was.

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Paul H. Dixon

Oh, sure. But you see, he asked the question for her benefit. He wanted her not to be a secret disciple, but to openly, publicly professor of faith in him and you know what she did when he said, who does?

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Paul H. Dixon

She said, I did. She let everyone know that she'd put her faith in him. Secret disciple, no longer. When Jesus said, My God, my God, why it's thou forsaken me? Did he know why he was dying? Oh yes.

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Paul H. Dixon

But I'll tell you what. We never would have known. Had he not asked that question? I spent a good deal of time this afternoon trying. To see what theologians would have to say as to why Jesus asked that question.

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Paul H. Dixon

None of them suggested what I'm sharing with you. I guess it's too simple for many. But it's the solution for me. I couldn't buy any solution that I ran, but I believe this there is no theologian, no Bible teacher who has ever lived.

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Paul H. Dixon

No matter how much he knew, I'd say a fifth decree, no matter how much you studied the Bible, that would have ever figured out that when Jesus Christ became our sin, it was so severe. God judging his son that actually God, the son was separated from God.

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Paul H. Dixon

The father during those three hours had Jesus not said, My God, my God, why has that forsaken me? He asked that question for our benefit, so we

would know the intensity of it all, what it was all about, the purpose of it all.

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Paul H. Dixon

Jesus Christ Superstar at Rock Opera. Picture two Jesus who didn't know what it was all about. I went into the garden of guest Simone and Frank, let's get it over with, I don't know what I'm doing. Come on, let's close this thing down, God, before I change my mind.

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Paul H. Dixon

That is not the Jesus of the Bible. The Jesus of the Bible went to a class to die for sinners, to provide salvation, and it's this simple if we are willing to admit that we're sinners and stop being self-righteous and stop hiding behind our own morality in our church membership, in our baptism and repent of that saying

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Paul H. Dixon

all up to that sin and put our faith in Jesus Christ will be saved right on the spot. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Don't you see tonight, friend, we talk about salvation, you can't talk about salvation without talking about the cross.

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Paul H. Dixon

Don't you see tonight? That's why you don't get baptized and go to heaven. We have people running all over this land who were baptized as babies and think they're going to have a not so many who were baptized later on in life that were on ever get you to heaven.

00;31;24;15 - 00;31;49;18

Paul H. Dixon

Others are trying to live decent lives, more lives, but they've never taken their place as a law center and trusted Christ to save. I'm preaching to a lot of people who had taken advantage of Calvary. And where I'd ask you tonight, how many of you receive this Jesus is your savior, you would raise your hand high and

00;31;49;18 - 00;32;05;27

Paul H. Dixon

you would say, yes, I'm saved on my way to heaven. But some of you have never even followed the Lord in believers baptism. You see, I thought you said, Preacher, that baptism doesn't save, it doesn't, but that's a first thing you're supposed to do after you get saved.

00;32;05;27 - 00;32;16;24

Paul H. Dixon

And if you've been saved and you haven't been baptized yet, you're a disobedient Christian and you ought to be willing to say tonight, I don't want to be a secret disciple anymore. I want to openly, publicly let everyone know where I stand.

00;32;17;00 - 00;32;33;15

Paul H. Dixon

Someone who'd be willing to go through all this for me, being separated from the father, I begin to catch the anguish of that moment. I will follow him in baptism. I follow him all away. Oh, if we're saved.

00;32;34;26 - 00;32;54;14

Paul H. Dixon

And we're messing around with sand. We raise our hands and say we're going to heaven and living callous, cold, carnal Christian lives, young people living sorry lives tonight. How are you, moms and dads all messed up spiritually, some of you used to be living for God, but you're not living for the Lord anymore.

00;32;54;19 - 00;33;13;03

Paul H. Dixon

If there's anything to get you off dead center and dying for God, it ought to be Jesus who died on the cross for you. My God. My God. Why? Has thou forsaken me? I start meetings in a few weeks in Charleston, West Virginia.

00;33;15;22 - 00;33;31;10

Paul H. Dixon

At the Mount Calvary Baptist Church. In view, actually on the UP View River. one night I preached on the cross. And I looked out and I said, you've just heard what Jesus did for you, this is what Christianity is all about.

00;33;32;09 - 00;33;48;12

Paul H. Dixon

Isn't there someone here tonight who wants this Jesus? If you do stay on your feet? A man stood straight, straighter. He must have been 23, 24 years old. He said, Sir, I want that Jesus. He said anybody could do so much for me.

00;33;48;13 - 00;33;59;15

Paul H. Dixon

He said, I want that Jesus. I said, Wonderful, come on down here. And he came on down. We had the joy of leading him to Christ, and some other people started standing up and coming. Next night, he brought his girlfriend back.

00;34;00;06 - 00;34;13;07

Paul H. Dixon

She received Christ. Next night, he brought his mom and dad back. They received Christ. I went back into that area later and I saw that fellow was still going on for the Lord. I'll go back into that church in a few weeks.

00;34;13;07 - 00;34;24;22

Paul H. Dixon

I still expect to see that fella. You know what? He saw Jesus die and took advantage of Calvary. Won't you take advantage of Calvary? Jesus

died for you. Won't you repent of your scene and put your faith in Christ and be saved tonight?

00;34;25;05 - 00;34;52;03

Paul H. Dixon

I want you to buy your hedge with me over the auditorium, if you will. Jesus was separated. Jesus was forsaken. That we need not be. Singh always separates from God. You continue in your sin and refuse to receive Christ as your savior and you'll be forsaken for eternity in hell.

00;34;53;08 - 00;35;11;10

Paul H. Dixon

You'll be separated from God for eternity. But Jesus was separated. Jesus was forsaken, so you don't have to be. All over this auditorium tonight. How many people can say there's not a doubt in my mind if I die right on the spot, I know I'll go to heaven.

00;35;11;10 - 00;35;23;29

Paul H. Dixon

There was a time in my life when I received Jesus Christ as my savior. Now, when I asked this question, I'm asking this for those up there's. Those are watching over the television. I want you to listen to.

00;35;24;28 - 00;35;34;09

Paul H. Dixon

Everyone who's listening to this sermon, how many can say not a doubt in my mind, I'm not trusting in baptism, I'm not trusting in good works, I'm not trusting in my church membership. There was a time in my life.

00;35;34;09 - 00;35;44;22

Paul H. Dixon

I know when I repented of my sin, put my faith in Christ, and if I die right now, I know I'd go to heaven. If you can honestly say that no one's looking around, just be honest. If you can honestly say, I've testified to it with a raised hand.

00;35;45;11 - 00;35;55;07

Paul H. Dixon

I'll raise it because you feel other hands going up around. You don't raise it. If you're not sure if ever you were going, to be honest, I beg of you. Be honest tonight. Do you know that if you died right now, you'd go to heaven?

00;35;56;18 - 00;36;10;15

Paul H. Dixon

Thank you, slip them down. I'd like to talk to all the people who raised their hands upstairs and downstairs. How many people would say tonight I have been saved, I've received Christ as my savior, I raised my hand on that Paul, but I haven't been baptized yet.

00;36;11;00 - 00;36;23;24

Paul H. Dixon

Could I see your hands? Those who've been saved but who haven't been baptized yet involved the Lord Unbelievers baptism, right? Thank you.

Slip them down. You'll do that tonight. You ought to come. You ought to submit yourself for believers.

00;36;23;24 - 00;36;35;00

Paul H. Dixon

Baptism, meet the pastor at the front and say, Pastor, I want to do this. I've been saved. I want to let everyone know just as soon as possible that this Jesus I've heard about tonight is my savior. I want to openly, publicly professor.

00;36;36;13 - 00;36;47;01

Paul H. Dixon

How many Christians would say in the light of what Jesus has done for me, I see that I'm on a fellowship with God tonight, I look at my life and I don't like what I see. Let me ask you this, Christian.

00;36;48;03 - 00;37;07;12

Paul H. Dixon

What would this world be if every Christian lived just like you? If every Christian were just like you, what would it be like? You say I don't like what I say, Preacher, I don't like. The condition I find myself in tonight as a Christian, please pray for me that I might get my heart right with God, the

00;37;07;12 - 00;37;19;03

Paul H. Dixon

Christians who would say that, could I see your hands raise them high right there where you are all over this auditorium? Thank God, thank God. I slip them down. Now I want to talk to those who couldn't raise your hands at all.

00;37;19;25 - 00;37;34;05

Paul H. Dixon

You were honest. Maybe there were some who deceive themselves, they raise their hands because others did, but when they did, their heart smoked them. But you were honest. You're not sure that you're on your way to heaven. Would you be willing tonight to raise your hand and say, Paul, pray for me.

00;37;34;06 - 00;37;43;06

Paul H. Dixon

I'm concerned about my soul. I don't know if I died right now, I'd go to heaven, but I'm concerned about it and I'd like for you to pray for me. Those who would say that could I see your hands just raised?

00;37;43;06 - 00;37;56;19

Paul H. Dixon

Ah, right away? Ah, yes, yes. Yes. How many more? Wherever you are, just raise it upstairs, downstairs. Way in the back, in the front. Boys and girls, teenagers, men and women. If you're not sure you're safe, you'd say I'm concerned about it.

00;37;56;19 - 00;38;16;10

Paul H. Dixon

Please pray for me tonight. Slip up the hand. Let me see it right there where you are and say, Pray for me. Others. Thank you, father. For the Lord Jesus that we have to proclaim and invite people to come to.

00;38;17;05 - 00;38;32;04

Paul H. Dixon

Bless this invitation. Meet every need, I pray for all these who've admitted needs tonight, those who need to be saved. Those who need to be baptized. Those who need as Christians to turn loose of their lives made some wonderful decisions to be made for Jesus sake.

00;38;32;04 - 00;38;41;06

Paul H. Dixon

Amen. Would you look this way? Just a minute, we'll stand. We're going to sing without any hymn books, just as I am without one play and as we sing it, the pastor is going to be here at the front.

00;38;41;28 - 00;38;51;17

Paul H. Dixon

And I want to invite everyone here tonight who's not saved and who is concerned about it. No, you need to be saying those who raise the hands and those who didn't. If you would just get up out of your seat and come to the front.

00;38;51;18 - 00;39;01;14

Paul H. Dixon

Let us take a Bible and lead you to Christ. No one becomes a Christian by walking down, and I'll bet you do. By receiving this, Jesus we've preached was no longer going to cross. Rose from the dead wants to live in your heart.

00;39;01;20 - 00;39;07;27

Paul H. Dixon

But you give us that privilege of pointing you to Christ. Get up out of your seat and call. Maybe your friend wants to say to a friend, If you want to go, I'll be glad to go with you.

00;39;08;06 - 00;39;17;04

Paul H. Dixon

I will invite those who have not been baptized to come and submit yourself for believers baptism. Tonight, I will invite Christians to get up out of those seats and come and say, I want to get right with God.

00;39;17;04 - 00;39;30;25

Paul H. Dixon

God spoken to me tonight. Let's stand over the auditorium and start to sing it. Those who are upstairs, they make your way down from upstairs and down the steps and into the auditorium and come to the front. There'll be ushers out there to help you and direct you this way.

00;39;31;02 - 00;40;23;01

Paul H. Dixon

We trust you'll come to just as I just. They. And. To me, cause. Hello. Go. A lot. God spoken to you tonight, you need Christ is your savior. You need to get things right with God as a Christian.

00;40;24;11 - 00;40;37;03

Paul H. Dixon

Jesus was willing to be hanging between heaven and Earth forsaken of the father for you. Are you willing to step out carrying not what anybody will think or any one will say in this church or in this community or on the job or at school?

00;40;37;03 - 00;40;47;08

Paul H. Dixon

Say, I want to be saved? I will sell out to God tonight again. Come from upstairs. Come from here in the back, in the middle of the pew, from the front, wherever you are, just as I am and waiting.

00;40;47;08 - 00;41;45;25

Paul H. Dixon

Not just as. Thank God, gods, we can do a lot of hearts tonight, people are coming and the lodge standing with others, I'm sorry you need to be saved. Man, you need Christ. I'll just see the reality of your sin tonight.

00;41;46;21 - 00;41;59;03

Paul H. Dixon

He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. God made him to become a nurse, and you need to be saved. Don't let pride or anything else keep you out. All that and then keep you out of heaven.

00;41;59;04 - 00;42;07;28

Paul H. Dixon

And I know some husbands and wives I want to talk it over. There's a husband standards and I like to go forward, but my wife doesn't want to. And the wife of saying the same thing? Talk it over and come together.

00;42;07;28 - 00;42;16;05

Paul H. Dixon

Maybe a friend wants to say to a friend, If you want to go, I'll go with you. There are a lot of Christians. You need to come and get right with God, and we are living for the Lord at all.

00;42;16;06 - 00;43;17;29

Paul H. Dixon

Sorry, lions. They'd get that thing straightened out saying that second verse again, just as I am and waiting. Just. Thank. Many are coming in the Lord's doing with you tonight, friend. Don't put it off. God's meeting with us tonight, and he's speaking to you.

00;43;18;25 - 00;43;32;29

Paul H. Dixon

Again, from upstairs. If you want somebody to walk down with you from upstairs, they'll do it. If you want somebody to come with it from all

the way to the back of the auditorium, they'll do it or just come by yourself, but just sitting with you come tonight, won't you?

00;43;32;29 - 00;44;33;05

Paul H. Dixon

second verse again right now. Just. And the way they. You start, we'll wait. That's one of those services I hesitate to close. I almost feel like would keep saying and people just keep going. We are going to close.

00;44;34;06 - 00;44;50;07

Paul H. Dixon

Because God's spirit doesn't keep doesn't quit dealing. He keeps bringing the heavy heart heavy hand of conviction. I'm going to remain at the front. Last night, there were a couple who came up after the service, one in tears that I don't know how to be saved without out rejoicing.

00;44;51;17 - 00;45;01;03

Paul H. Dixon

Tonight, perhaps you found it difficult to respond to an invitation, but while other folks were coming out, you'd like to come up and say, I'd like to talk. We'd be glad to talk with you. Have someone else to talk with you.

00;45;01;03 - 00;45;17;23

Paul H. Dixon

Let us help you. Just you'll be praying. That's right. Come out ahead. Just while we're talking. People want to come. Come right on. It's all right. You be praying. You be inviting others. Don't miss on these meetings now.

00;45;18;11 - 00;45;28;25

Paul H. Dixon

I'll be honest with you, I don't believe you ought to be staying home studying. You know, we have these this is an unusual week, we don't have that many weeks of revivals in this church, I don't believe I'll be doing anything else at night.

00;45;28;26 - 00;45;38;24

Paul H. Dixon

I mean, from from 7:00 and 8:15, you ought to be here. And they'll just come would be praying and bring others with you. We praise the Lord again, we can help you come and see us, pastor.