

WHY DID JESUS SURRENDER?

{The Great Nevertheless}

Matt. 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*. (KJV)

I. FIRST OF ALL, WHAT DID JESUS SURRENDER? **Philippians 2:5-8**

- * Heaven (invisableness), Omnipresence (spacelessness/ timelessness), Omnipotence (power/ ruler for servant), Omniscience (knowledge/ wisdom/ speech), and finally His Life.

II. SECONDLY, WHY DID JESUS SURRENDER?

A. Because God is Loving and Holy.

- * **Romans 11:22** Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

B. Jesus surrendered because of Love.

- * Jesus gave His life (not in just the way He lived but more in the way he died) to free us from the terrible consequences of sin, guilt and death.
- * **Matthew 20:28** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NASB) See also Mark 10:45. This is certainly a demonstration of God's love.

C. Jesus surrendered because of Holiness or Justice. Sins draw the wrath of God and demands justice!

- * **"Wrath is the natural and inevitable and eternal RECOIL of the all-holy God against all that is unholy."**
- * This wrath (turbulent commotion or boiling agitation of feelings) is revealed from heaven.
Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (NASB)
- * **"God's wrath will catch you at the cross or in your grave."** Heb. 12:29 "for our God is a consuming fire."
- * Christ is the offering that turns away wrath. **This is called technically, "propitiation," a wrath removing sacrifice.**
- * The mission of Christ and the purpose of the incarnation was to produce the "wrath removing sacrifice." "Behold, the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world."
- * It is not His life as such, including His ministry, His sinlessness, or His example. It is not His prophetic work of teaching and of revealing the Father. Rather, it is His death on the cross. This sin offering of the only begotten Son turned away the wrath of God.
- * 1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- * **God did this publicly.** **Rom 3:25** whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith...
- * 1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.
- * The spiritual agony of the Christ takes on infinite, unimaginable proportions. This is so for two reasons. First, He was sinless, yet He was facing the penalty for sin. His soul was not toughened and scarred by numerous trespasses; thus the searing, piercing wrath of God must have penetrated to its infinite depths with unbelievable intensity. Second, He was God "The Living God," yet he faces death itself.
- * **His suffering was infinite and has no limits.** See Isa. 53:6-12; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21.