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BAPTIST CHURCH

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Theology of the Cross

Matthew, Luke, and John

Christ's last words from the cross (found in Matthew, Luke and John) were important ones, words rich in theological meaning and words worthy of our closer examination.

1. **Words of Grace** – "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" – Who is Christ referring to when He says "them", and what is the significance of this request?

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2. **Words of Hope** = "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" – Who is the "you" that Christ was referring to here, and how does that statement apply to us today?

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3. **Words of Compassion / Lordship** – "Woman, behold your son" – Why did Christ refer to his mother as "woman" here?

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4. **Words of Abandonment** – "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" – This statement was made during "The Great Exchange." What was the Great Exchange? Why did He refer to God as "God" rather than "Father"?

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5. **Words of Humility** – "I Thirst" - In this brief statement, how is Christ demonstrating His humility?

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6. **Words of Victory** – "It is finished" – In what sense is this statement a victory cry?

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7. **Words of Restoration** – "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit" – In Jesus' final words from the cross He once again refers to God as "Father". What is the significance of that specific reference?

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