

What did Jesus purchase for us on the cross?

Mat 27:39-40 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Rather than coming down and saving himself from the cross, Jesus chose to stay on the cross and save me.

What is it that Jesus has saved me from – what is hell like?

Hell is described as a fiery pit, which burns but does not kill (see Luke 16:19-31)

Hell is the total absence of God from our lives, the total absence from everything good He provides us. As Heaven is everything good from God, especially His presence, hell is a sort of “un heaven” or anti-heaven devoid of God’s presence and goodness

God sustains creation

- [Col 1:17](#) He himself existed before anything else did, and he holds all things together.

So without God nothing that we enjoy today will hold together none of these good things will be present in hell:

Our physical bodies

The natural environment, trees, animals, rivers and lakes, mountains, snow, the sun.

Friendship, Love, Joy, peace

The ability to control ourselves,

Clothing, modesty,

Goodness in any form

Mercy

Food, drink, the ability to breath, run, walk, swim

Logic

Reason

Even our own sanity

These are all partly broken now, as we have misused what God has given us, but in hell will be completely absent.

Jesus went to this place for us, He was forsaken by the Father and experienced for us this hell we were destined for, so that we did not have to. Matt 27:46

It is like we are standing alone on a precipice over a lake of lava that goes as far as the eye can see, But this lake of lava is worse than an earthly one as it will ever burn but never kill.

We are blind folded unaware of our danger and about to step forward. A friend offers to remove our blindfold, we can see the danger now, the ground shakes, the force of law and guilt push us to lose our balance on the edge, our arms flail but we are powerless to overcome the forces pushing us on and stop from falling in. Just as we begin to fall a hand grabs ours

and lifts us out, it is Jesus covered in scars with His beard torn out (IS 50:6), He wears a crown of thorns and bears nail prints. There is love and forgiveness in His eyes. He holds us tight and brings us to green pastures.

He opens our eyes and we see many others blindfolded walking towards the precipice,

We are to go and ask them if they would like help to remove their blind folds, so they can see their danger and their saviour.

Many say no, many do not believe there is a danger, but some say yes and we are able to point them to Jesus who takes their hands and leads them to His green pasture. And we keep going offering to show Jesus to those who are blinded by the prince of this world as we were.