

Resource Sheet 73

THE FORBEARANCE OF CHRIST (as the perfect expression of God's mercy and patience)

³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

³⁹And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and 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."

⁴¹Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ⁴²"He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. ⁴³He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.
(Matthew 27:38-44)

¹³And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (Mark 13:13)

THE FAITHFULNESS OF CHRIST (as the perfect expression of God's trustworthiness)

On the cross

²³who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:23-25)

In His victorious resurrection and coming again in glory

¹¹Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had ^[e]a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. (Revelation 19:11-13)