STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS
Lesson #7 - I Comment My Spirit
Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-49

Introduction:
1. This statement is from Psalms 31:5
2. Jesus committed His Spirit into the hands of the Father.
3. In doing so, Jesus accomplished the following:

I. HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US
   A. NO ONE TOOK HIS LIFE FROM HIM - Jn 10:18
      1. They tried at His birth - Mt 2:1-ff
      2. They tried in His home of Nazareth - Lk 4:16-30
      3. They tried to stone Him - Jn 8:59, 10:31-39
   B. HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE WILLINGLY
      1. Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep - Jn 10:11
      2. In Gethsemane - Lk 22:42
      3. As Isaiah describes Him - Is 53:7

II. HE PAID THE RANSOM FOR US - Mt 20:28
   A. WE WERE LOST IN SIN; A DEBT WE COULD NOT PAY - Mt 18:24
      1. Sin separates man from God - Is 59:1, 2
      2. We have nothing on own - Ps 50:10, Hab 2:8, He 10:4
   B. THE RANSOM JESUS PAID
      1. He is the propitiation for our sins - 1Jn 2:1, 2
      2. We are saved from wrath through Him - Ro 5:5-9

III. OUR RESPONSE TO JESUS
   A. LOVE
      1. We love Him for He first loved us - 1Jn 4:19
      2. His love for us draws us to Him - Jn 12:32
   B. OBEDIENCE
      1. If we love Him, we keep His commandments - Jn 14:15
      2. His commandments are not burdensome - 1Jn 5:4
      3. This obedience is coming to salvation and living the Christian life.

Conclusion:
1. After we have obeyed the steps of salvation and have been faithful in service to God, we know that we have a home in heaven to be with God forever.
2. When life gets out of focus, may we take the time to recenter upon the cross of Jesus!

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