

lasted two or three days. But we read that Jesus uttered a loud cry and gave up the ghost, after a much shorter time. Dr. James Begbie, late president of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, pointed out from physiological evidences that Jesus died of a broken heart. In such cases a piercing shriek is always uttered just before the end. When the spear was thrust into His side, the evangelist tells us that blood and water came out. It remained for modern physicians to explain this phenomenon. In cases of death of a broken heart, the blood is extravasated, and soon coagulates into ~~the~~ red clot (blood) and the limpid serum (water). How great must have been the anguish and suffering of Christ, as He bore the entire weight of the sin of the world, can be gathered from its thus literally breaking His heart. Oh, how much He bore for us! Is not His blood precious above all things?

We were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Nothing else could avail for the guilt of the world. His death was penal, substitutionary, vicarious.

A man lay in a hospital, near to death. He had worn out his blood through sin. Only one thing could save him-- an infusion of new blood. His own brother, a man of upright, sound life, offered to give his blood. It was pure blood. As it was transfused, new life came into the body of the sufferer. Jesus Christ had infused His precious blood into the race which had lost its power through sin. New life has come from the pouring out of His blood.