

**FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS**  
**I COMMIT MY SPIRIT**  
**Luke 23:46**

**It is good for us to remember Christ's voluntary sacrifice for us on the cross**

**I. THE COMMUNION: "Father"**

**A. THE FELLOWSHIP IS RESTORED**

1. No longer the forsaken one - Matthew 27:46
2. The familiar returns

**B. THE REALITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP**

1. The highest expression of recognition
  - His Father would hear Him
2. The highest expression of trust
  - His Father would welcome Him
3. The highest expression of confidence
  - Jesus is not sighing into the empty air nor wondering who is there

**II. THE COMMITMENT**

**A. THE DEPOSITORY: "Into Your hands"**

1. A place of safety and security
2. Anticipating God's welcoming embrace!
  - a. Running into God's open arms
  - b. Returning home! - See John 17:4-5
  - c. Ending His humiliation - See Philippians 2:5-8
3. "The hearts true haven is the Father's hands" [Arthur Pink, "The Seven Sayings of the Savior," p. 133]

**B. THE DECISION: "I commit"**

1. I set this before You
  - a. I place it as an offering - See Isaiah 53:10 and Matthew 20:28
  - b. I place it for safekeeping - Consider II Tim. 1:12
2. I voluntarily give myself - Note John 10:17-18
  - Christ's life was not taken, it was given

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C. THE DEPOSIT: “My spirit”

1. Jesus delivered His spirit to God - Matthew 27:50
2. Christ did not die because His lifeblood ebbed away, He died because He dismissed His spirit to God the Father

III. **THE COMFORT**: “He breathed His last”

A. HIS PEACE

- A satisfaction that His work was complete

B. HIS PRAYER

1. Jesus died with Scripture on His lips! - See Psalm 31:5
2. This was recited by Hebrew children as a good-night prayer

C. HIS PRESENCE

1. With the heavenly Father
2. With the penitent thief

IV. **THE CONSEQUENCE** (47-49)

A. FOR THOSE LOOKING UPON THE CROSS

1. The centurion believed! (47)
2. The crowds grieved (48)
3. The acquaintances perceived (49)

B. FOR US LOOKING AT THE CROSS

1. Where will your spirit reside when you're gone?
2. Are you in good hands?

**CONCLUSION:**

**As Jesus left this life, He went to be with God**