

What Jesus Accomplished at the Cross
(He accomplished EVERYTHING)
Took our Sorrows, Sickness and Sins

1. Review of what Jesus did on Calvary:
 - a. **Secured our Forgiveness** (for sin) – *forgiveness is defined as the process of concluding resentment, indignation or anger as a result an offense and/or ceasing to demand punishment or restitution.[1] The Oxford English Dictionary defines forgiveness as 'to grant free pardon and to give up all claim on account of an offense or debt'.*
 - i. Sin is an offense against God, it is a violation of His standards and His Holiness. Sin must be punished.
 - ii. We learned that the basis of forgiveness in the Old Testament was the sacrifice of animals, their “innocent” life in exchange for the guilty one.
 - iii. Forgiveness was offered through atoning sacrifices that the Law required.
 - iv. The demands of the law demonstrate how expensive/costly sin is.
 - v. “the wages of sin is death” “the one who sins must die for his own sin”
 - b. **Expiated our Sin** – removed our sin from us, not just covered over it (like the Old Testament).
 - i. Atonement was primarily a covering over of sin. But the blood of bulls and lambs cannot remove sin. (Hebrews 10:4).
 - ii. Stain remover is what Jesus applied in the form of His own blood. Sin leaves a stain that nothing but the blood of the perfect sacrifice of Christ can remove.
 - iii. The sacrifice of Christ cleanses us from the SOURCE of alienation from God resulting in reconciling us in our relationship with God.
 - iv. All of this was necessary to restore something that was lost a long time ago.
 - c. **Restored our Intimacy with Father.**
 - i. **Intimacy = into me see. (see into me).**
 - ii. The Holy Spirit is the means to this intimacy, oneness in Spirit with God’s Spirit. (Fullness of the Spirit).
2. This week, I am devoting entirely to Isaiah 53, the signature prophecy for the Messiah. The New Testament writers applied this passage to Jesus, but do we have any clue what it says about Him and what He was to do?
 - a. Isaiah wrote this some 700 years BEFORE the birth of Christ. Isaiah, with great precision almost as a man who saw the events unfold before him, wrote about what would happen to Jesus when He came to earth to save mankind.
 - b. *1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*
 - c. *2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*
 - d. *3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*
 - e. *4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.*
 - f. *5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*
 - g. *6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
 - h. *7 He was oppressed and afflicted yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*
 - i. *8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants?*
 - j. *For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.*

- k. *9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.*
- l. *10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.*
- m. *11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.*
- n. *12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*
- o. I am sure that any of us who have read our bibles and read this passage can see the incredible reference to the account of Christ's life in the gospels. Many of the gospel writers made direct references to this passage to link the suffering of Christ to it.

3. Let's look at the "action verses" of this passage:

- a. Verses 4-6 *"Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."*
 - i. **Jesus took our sicknesses, our sorrows and our sins upon His body.** Would you agree to that from your reading of this passage?
 - ii. Jesus Himself said he came to destroy the WORKS of the devil. So are sin, sickness and sorrows works of the devil? Yes.
 - 1. **Jesus accomplished at the cross, a reversal of the curse in Eden.**
 - 2. The manifestation of this accomplishment is the Kingdom of God.
 - 3. Before you try to split hairs on these verses, I want us to realize something. Our western way of thinking divides people into compartments, like soul, spirit, body; our spiritual being and our physical being. That really is rather Gnostic of us to do so. The Jews had no such division. It is demonstrated by how freely Jesus healed and forgave sins and delivered people from oppression.
 - 4. If one part of you is sick, all of you is sick!
 - a. And this is the beauty of the gospel. If you are sick in your emotions, your body or your spirit, the rest of your being is sick as well. We are interconnected and cannot divide one kind of healing or wholeness from the other. If we are broken in one area of life, we are broken in all.
 - b. When you are grieving, are you not pretty much immobilized? When you are physically sick, does it affect the rest of your life? If sin is overtaking you, do you not experience emotional and physical downsides to life?

4. V. 4 says **He took up our sicknesses/infirmities/grief.**

- a. Choliy = translated "grief" in NAS, "sickness" in NIV. It is translated sickness/disease in 20 of 24 of its occurrences in the Old Testament. Its root means to become weak or sick or grievously sick.
- b. The Hebrew word translated griefs in the KJV and infirmities in the NIV appears 24 times in the Bible. 20 of those times it's translated sick, sickness, or disease. It comes from a root that pertains to physical ailment. The word translated sorrow means physical or mental pain.
- c. In Isaiah 53:5 we're told that by His stripes (NIV wounds) we are healed. The Hebrew word translated healed is rapha and is part of one of God's names, Jehovah Rapha, (I am the Lord who heals you, Exodus 15:26) It means to heal or make healthful.
- d. Jesus "took up" our sicknesses, picked them up off of us and carried them to Calvary.

5. It also says he **"bore our sorrows."**

- a. To bear (away). Jesus took our sicknesses upon His own body.
 - i. The word here means literally to bear a load. The word “bore” means as when one removes a burden from the shoulders of another, and places it on his own. The word means “to take up, to lift, to raise”
 - ii. Jesus wants to lift your source of grief from you, He wants you to place it on His shoulders so that He can carry it for you. You do not have to bear your griefs alone
 - b. And sorrows, well they mean pain, either mental or physical. (Ka'ab)
 - i. Pains of the mind. Anxiety, or trouble of the soul; that to bodily that comes as a result of sickness and disease.
 - ii. Many of us are fighting fears in our minds, depression (anger), woundedness, anxiety – these are pains of the mind and emotions.
 - iii. Jesus wants to carry those for you. He took them on his body at Calvary. Why do you take them back?
 - 1. HEB 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
 - 2. Do you think the gods of our world can be of any real help to people?
 - 3. Can Buddha carry your sorrows, can Allah carry your sorrows. No. But Jesus already did it!
6. Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted.
- a. I thought it strange why 3 different but similar words are used here.
 - b. It means that he was so afflicted, that he seemed to have taken upon himself the sicknesses and sorrows of the world; and taking them upon himself he would bear them away.
7. V5: says *But he was pierced for our transgressions (rebellion), he was crushed for our iniquities (depravity); the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.(Rapha).*
- a. Jesus did not suffer for His own sins (of which there were none to suffer for), but for OUR transgressions.
 - b. This verse refers to the fact that Jesus was crushed under the weight of OUR sins.
 - i. The weight of the world’s sin (My Sin) would crush Jesus.
 - ii. The word used here means to be broken to pieces, to be bruised, or crushed.
8. *By his stripes we are HEALED.*
- a. Many pastors won’t read this literally, they try to spiritualize it. I don’t know why.
 - b. The Hebrew word is Rapha, it is used 67 times in the Old Testament to refer to restoration and healing.
 - i. Joe Fuger has an interesting insight...in order for us to be healed, Jesus had to receive these stripes, to reverse the consequence of the fall. Is there a promise in there? Well, I believe there is. But that is up to you on whether you wish to believe it or not. I am not going to berate you for not seeing a promise in it...but please allow me the richness of my faith to believe that there is!
 - ii. Just as Jesus had to shed his blood for my forgiveness, He had to receive the stripes on His back for my healing (holistic healing is a good way to look at this). I can proclaim “under His blood” when I am dealing with sin, and I can proclaim “by His stripes” when I’m dealing with a need for healing.
 - iii. The clearest interpretation of Isaiah 53 is that the Lord gave His life so that we could be forgiven for our sins (transgressions, iniquities) and was beaten so we could be healed from our physical ailments (infirmities, griefs, sorrows) .
 - iv. You could say that He was crucified to pay for our sins, but He was beaten with whips so we can be healed from our sickness and disease, and relieved of our pain. Literally, our sicknesses and sins and sorrows were LAID UPON HIM.

- v. Not just the punishment or the remedy. They were all put on him.
 - 1. In Isaiah 53:4-5 we see all the brokenness of mankind represented. You're right, it's a summary of the Gospel story.
 - 2. In verse 5 the word translated transgression means to break away or revolt, to break a covenant. The one for iniquity means perversity or depravity. It comes from a root meaning to twist or distort.
9. Verses 11-12 *“After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors”*
10. But what specifically does it say the Messiah came to do? I've boiled it down to three basic things that were promised in Isaiah 53 Jesus bore our sicknesses, our sorrows and our sins.
- a. Why is that important? Most of us in this room understand at least that Jesus came to die for my sins, to take my place on a cross that I deserved, and He didn't. He was sinless and I was full of sin...and he took my place.
 - b. But why would that be important? It is important because it **CHANGES EVERYTHING**.
 - c. If in fact, Jesus did **REVERSE** the effects of the fall of man and is destroyed the works of the devil at the cross, then it does change everything!
 - i. Nothing remains the same, unless we refuse to believe it has changed!
 - ii. If I deposit 100 in your bank account but you refuse to believe it, it does you no good. You must act upon the gift.
 - iii. Jesus took upon his body, as a substitutionary sacrifice on our behalf, all of our sin, our sorrows and our sickness.
 - iv. It is the Kingdom of God come, the gospel of the Kingdom, the rule and reign of God in our lives.
 - v. **The question we ought to be asking, instead of “why do I still have sadness, sickness and sin” is...does God rule and reign in my life?**
 - vi. **The benefits of the Kingdom of God come to the children who are living in the Kingdom of God and not just vacationing there.** Ouch!
 - d. He took those things upon Himself for all time.
 - e. But these things, (among others) are evidences of the darkness of this world. They are the results of the devils' work that Jesus came to destroy. And darkness must be pushed back (As we will learn about next week).
11. Have you come to Jesus for forgiveness of the sin of your life? Won't you come today? Bring Him your sorrows, bring Him your sickness, your worry, your anxiety, your pain. He took our place and bore the consequence of sin...reversing the effects of the Fall of mankind. Won't you surrender to Him today? Will you Let **GOD** reign in your life and stop playing church?