

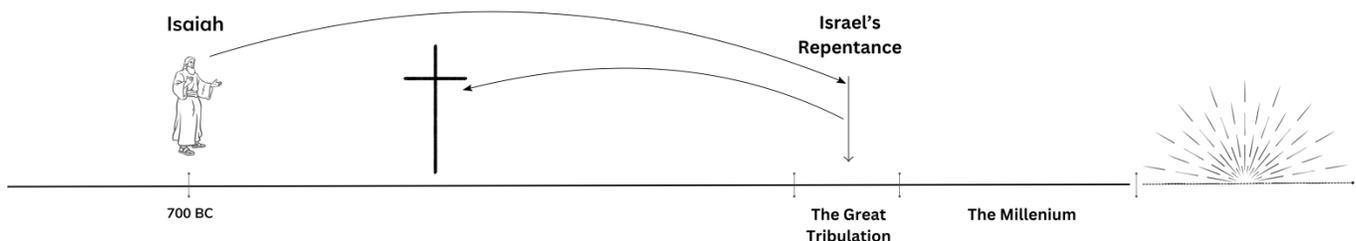
Substitutionary Sacrifice

Isaiah 53:4-6

Song	Text	Main Revelation about the Servant	Development of the Mission
1st Song	Isaiah 42:1-4	The Servant is chosen by God, the Spirit of the Lord is upon Him, He will bring justice to the nations	The calling and character of His ministry
2nd Song	Isaiah 49:1-6	The Servant is called from the womb, will restore Israel, and will become a light to the nations	The scope of the mission—salvation for the whole world
3rd Song	Isaiah 50:4-9	The Servant is fully obedient to God and willingly accepts suffering	The path of the mission—obedience through suffering
4th Song	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	The Servant suffers for the sins of people, brings atonement, and is then exalted	The center of the mission—substitutionary sacrifice followed by glory

Is. 53:1-3 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Is. 53:4-6 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



I. Substitution is Necessary

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Repentance is the acknowledgment of our sinfulness, joined with the recognition that the Lord has dealt with our sin by laying it on the Messiah and punishing Him for it.

Gen. 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Holiness is God's perfection in every aspect of His being.

Righteousness is God's perfect consistency with His own holiness—both in relation to Himself and to His creation.

Is. 6:1-3 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'

Rev. 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'

Ps. 5:4-5 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

Deut. 32:3-4 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Ps. 119:137 Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules.

Ps. 7:11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

Rev. 20:11-12 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

Rev. 20:15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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1 Cor. 15:21-22 For as **by a man came death**, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam **all die**, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Rom. 3:10-12 None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

The Syllogism of Human Condemnation

- Every human being is sinful.
- God is holy and righteous.
- God will surely judge all sin.
- The penalty for sin is eternal death.
- People cannot—and do not even want to—save themselves.
- All people are destined for eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

II. Substitution is Possible

Ex. 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

Ps. 85:10 Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

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Is. 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, **stricken for the transgression of my people?**

Is. 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he **shall bear their iniquities**.

Lev. 16:21-22 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. The goat **shall bear all their iniquities on itself** to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

"shall bear on itself" - נָשָׂא nasa

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1 Pet. 3:18 For Christ also **suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous**, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Rom. 3:24-26 and **are justified** by his grace as a gift, **through the redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so **that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**.

"redemption" ἀπολύτρωσις - an action a buying back of a slave or captive through payment of a ransom.

III. Substitution is Effective

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A. Christ's sacrifice brings justification

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יָצַדִּיק yatsdik - "to declare righteous," to make someone right in the eyes of a righteous God.

2 Cor. 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, **so that in him we might become the righteousness of God**.

Rom. 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

B. Christ's sacrifice heals us from sin

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1 Pet. 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you have been healed**.

1 John 3:9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

C. Christ's sacrifice brings peace

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Rom. 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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