

ISAIAH 53: THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Pierced & Wounded

Isaiah 53:4-6

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As the Suffering Servant...

1. Jesus bore our sin.

The effects of our sin (4)

Good understanding giveth favor: But the way of transgressors is hard. (Pr 13:15)

The extent of our sin (5)

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Ps 32:5)

The picture of our sin (6)

For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Pe 2:25)

2. Jesus became our substitute.

He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness. (Le 16:21–22)

"The concept of substitution may be said, then, to lie at the heart of both sin and salvation; for the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself for man and puts himself where only man deserves to be. Man claims prerogatives which belong to God alone; God accepts penalties which belong to man alone." – John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*

3. Jesus brought our salvation.

Reconciliation

Restoration

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Pe 2:24–25)