

Beauty FOR Ashes

JOHN 17:22-24

22 THE GLORY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME I HAVE GIVEN TO THEM, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE EVEN AS WE ARE ONE, 23 I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, THAT THEY MAY BECOME PERFECTLY ONE, SO THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU LOVED ME. 24 FATHER, I DESIRE THAT THEY ALSO, WHOM YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, MAY BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, TO SEE MY GLORY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

ISAIAH 53:9, 10A

9 AND THEY MADE HIS GRAVE WITH THE WICKED
AND WITH A RICH MAN IN HIS DEATH, ALTHOUGH HE
HAD DONE NO VIOLENCE, AND THERE WAS NO DECEIT
IN HIS MOUTH. 10 YET IT WAS THE WILL OF THE LORD
TO CRUSH HIM; HE HAS PUT HIM TO GRIEF; WHEN HIS
SOUL MAKES AN OFFERING FOR GUILT,

JESUS SUFFERED FOR US

ISAIAH 53:4-6 - 4 YET IT WAS OUR WEAKNESSES HE CARRIED; IT WAS OUR SORROWS THAT WEIGHED HIM DOWN. AND WE THOUGHT HIS TROUBLES WERE A PUNISHMENT FROM GOD, A PUNISHMENT FOR HIS OWN SINS! 5 BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR REBELLION, CRUSHED FOR OUR SINS. HE WAS BEATEN SO WE COULD BE WHOLE. HE WAS WHIPPED SO WE COULD BE HEALED. 6 ALL OF US, LIKE SHEEP, HAVE STRAYED AWAY. WE HAVE LEFT GOD'S PATHS TO FOLLOW OUR OWN. YET THE LORD LAID ON HIM THE SINS OF US ALL.

JESUS SUFFERED FOR US SO THAT WE MAY SUFFER WITH HIM

ROMANS 8:17-18 - 17 AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER. 18 FOR I RECKON THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US.

JOHN 16:33

I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU, THAT IN ME
YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU WILL
HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE
OVERCOME THE WORLD.”

NOW WE CAN REJOICE IN SUFFERINGS

ROMANS 5:3-5 - MORE THAN THAT, WE REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS, KNOWING THAT SUFFERING PRODUCES ENDURANCE, AND ENDURANCE PRODUCES CHARACTER, AND CHARACTER PRODUCES HOPE, AND HOPE DOES NOT PUT US TO SHAME, BECAUSE GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.

1 PETER 4:13 - BUT REJOICE IN SO FAR AS YOU SHARE CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS, THAT YOU MAY ALSO REJOICE AND BE GLAD WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED.

LIGHT AFFLICTION

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17 - 17 FOR OUR LIGHT AFFLICTION, WHICH IS BUT FOR A MOMENT, WORKETH FOR US A FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY;

DISCIPLINE VS. SUFFERING

HEBREWS 12:5-15

BEAUTY FOR ASHES:

ROMANS 12:1

I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE
MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES
A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO
GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

BEAUTY FOR ASHES (2):

ISAIAH 61:3 - TO CONSOLE THOSE WHO MOURN IN ZION, TO GIVE THEM BEAUTY FOR ASHES, THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING, THE GARMENT OF PRAISE FOR THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS; THAT THEY MAY BE CALLED TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE PLANTING OF THE LORD, THAT HE MAY BE GLORIFIED."