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The Servant's Sacrificial Substitution

Lesson 5 • Isaiah 53:4-6

This Series Answers the Most Important Question in Life

How Can God Exercise His Holy Love in Saving Sinners and NOT Be Unholy in Doing So?

BEHOLD! THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH	52:13 – 53:12
His Servant's SOVEREIGN SUCCESS	52:13-15
His Servant's SHAMEFUL SUFFERING	53:1-3
His Servant's SACRIFICIAL SUBSTITUTION	53:4-6

Why Did the LORD's Servant Have to Suffer So Shamefully? (53:1-3)

Because Sinners Like Us Need a Sinless Substitute to Be Our Sin Bearer and Satisfying Sacrifice!

***God Himself Knew that Lost Sheep Like Us Needed What Theologians Call:
"Penal Substitutionary Atonement"***

"God, because in His mercy He willed to forgive sinful men, and, being truly merciful, willed to forgive them righteously. That is without in any way condoning their sin, purposed to direct against His own very Self in the person of His Son the full weight of that righteous wrath which they deserve." – Charles E. B. Cranfield, ICC Commentary on Romans (217)

"The notion which the phrase 'penal substitution' expresses is that Jesus Christ our Lord, moved by a love that was determined to do everything necessary to save us, endured and exhausted the destructive divine judgment for which we were otherwise inescapably destined, and so won us forgiveness, adoption and glory. To affirm penal substitution is to say that believers are in debt to Christ specifically for this, and that this is the mainspring of all their joy, peace and praise both now and for eternity." – J. I. Packer, What Did the Cross Achieve? (25)

God satisfying Himself by substituting Himself in His Son for the sake of saving sinners!

"Surely" Tells Us That a Radical Change Takes Place Between Verse 3 and Verse 4!

- A radical change in the **estimation** by the **"WE"** regarding the Servant.
- A radical change in the **substitution** of the **"HE"** for the **"WE"**.

You and Me Become a Part of the "WE" Because of What "HE" Did in Our Place!

Why Did the LORD's Servant Have to Suffer So Shamefully?

1. He Took Our PUNISHMENT. (53:4)

- The Servant became the punishment for our PEACE.
- Bearing and carrying is the language of *Leviticus* and the SACRIFICIAL system of Israel.

You Are Either Bearing the Weight of Your Sin or the Suffering Servant Is Bearing It for You.

Isaiah 46:6-7

2. He Died in Our PLACE. (53:5)

Three Questions About Dying in Our Place

- How Great Was His Punishment?

Pierced through and crushed – Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10

- Why Did He Have to Die So Brutally?

For our transgressions and our iniquities – Isaiah 1:3-6

- What Will Be the Result of His Death in the Place of Sin-Sick Rebels?

Our well-being (reconciliation) and healing (restoration)

3. He Paid Our PENALTY. (53:6)

- What does this say about us as humans? *“All of us...each of us”*

- What does this say about the LORD as a loving but holy God?

“But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.”

Marvel at the Amazing Grace of God in Penal Substitutionary Atonement!

- Sin is this costly **and** deadly. *Ephesians 2:2-3*
- God the Father is this just **and** merciful. *John 3:16*
- God the Son is this obedient **and** loving. *1Peter 2:24–25; John 10:11-18*

Now “WE” See the Servant’s Suffering from God’s Perspective

The Servant Was Suffering for Our Sins as Our Sacrificial Substitute: Penal Substitutionary Atonement!

You and Me Can Be the “We” Because “He” Died in the Sinner’s Place!

Receive the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ, as Your Sacrificial Substitute!

Jesus’ sacrificial substitution is sufficient for all but will only be effective for the “we” who hear the Shepherd’s call and respond with repentance and faith.

A Blessing from Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Family Worship Ideas from Today's Lesson

- **READ** together as a family the OT prediction in *Isaiah 53:4-6* and the NT fulfillment in *Mathew 27:45-61*.
- **SING** or watch a music video together.

Jesus Paid It All

Newsboys <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs05AtP2wd8>
Fernando Ortega <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5DyeCx8H4U>
Sovereign Grace at T4G <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6n5qfUwVCcU>

Amazing Love

Newsboys <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqLa4EWyuhA>

The Power of the Cross

Gettys <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wcULqyoINg>

Nothing But the Blood

Andy Cherry https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRzMbIED_5U

- **PRAY** together.
- **STAGE** a mini-play as a family of the stages in the life of Christ from (1) His birth, (2) His obeying His parents as a boy, (3) His performing of miracles, (4) His proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, (5) His humiliation (being mocked, despised, rejected), and (6) His crucifixion! *Then wait until next week to act out His resurrection on Easter Sunday!*
- **WATCH** the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, recognizing that this is not age appropriate for younger children. Parents need to make this call for their own families.