

Isaiah

God's Servant Paid the Penalty for Sin
Isaiah 53:10-12


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Introduction

The closing verses of this prophecy about Christ's death describe the results of the Savior's sufferings. Up to this point, the bitter hatred and hostility of the Jesus' enemies, the cruel and brutal mistreatment, and His horrible sufferings have been the focus. But now the great victory of the cross is discussed. Six results have taken place as a result of the death of God's Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ.


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Messiah's **substitutionary death** is the major theme of this chapter of Isaiah. Jesus Christ did not die as a martyr, as someone put to death for his beliefs. Nor did He die as an example, as someone showing us how to face death with a positive attitude. He died neither by accident nor because fate decided it was time for Him to die.

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1. The Savior became the substitute sacrifice for sin.
 Jesus Christ died deliberately, purposefully, and at the hands of God the Father. God Himself had determined that His Son would die for the sins of the world. His death was predetermined, planned by God before human history even began (Acts 2:22-23; 2 Timothy 1:9-10).

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1. The Savior became the substitute sacrifice for sin.
 From the beginning, God knew that man would sin and need to be saved. It was God's plan to bruise (crush) Christ on the cross. God filled Christ with grief (suffering) for the sins of the world. Christ Himself was to be offered up as the **perfect sacrifice** for the sins of every human being who ever lived.

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Never again would animal sacrifices be needed. Christ's death was the perfect sacrifice to which all the animal sacrifices pointed. Jesus died as the perfect offering, the **substitute sacrifice** for the sins of the entire world.

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Note how this fact is emphasized throughout the entire chapter:

- ⇒ He bore our griefs and sorrows (v. 4).
- ⇒ He was wounded for our transgression and bruised for our iniquities (v. 5).
- ⇒ The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all (v. 6).
- ⇒ He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter to be offered to God as a substitute sacrifice (v. 7).
- ⇒ He was stricken for the transgression of God's people (v. 8).
- ⇒ God made His soul an offering for sin (v. 10).
- ⇒ He bore their iniquities (v. 11).
- ⇒ He bore the sins of many (v. 12).


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2. Through death, Jesus produced many offspring.
Through death, Jesus has produced many offspring, a multitude of people who truly believe in Him. Christ saw the true believers of every generation, who would repent of their sins and turn back to God. A great, spiritual family of true believers has been born because the Savior died on the cross for their sins.


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3. Jesus prolonged His days.
Jesus prolonged His days. He did not remain in the grave. He arose and ascended into heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father. For the remainder of human history, Christ will be busy working all things out for good on behalf of those who genuinely love and obey Him. The deep longing of the Savior's heart is for many more to be delivered from sin and death, for many to live eternally with Him.


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4. Jesus conquered death and brought satisfaction.
Jesus conquered death and brought satisfaction to everyone involved. When Christ looked back at all had achieved, He was satisfied. He had made it possible for all people to be forgiven their sins and to become acceptable to God.


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4. Jesus conquered death and brought satisfaction.
God the Father was also satisfied with the obedience and work of His Son. At both the baptism and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God announced, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Mt. 3:17; 17:5; Mk. 1:11; 9:7; Lu. 3:22; 9:35; 2 Pe. 1:17).


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4. Jesus conquered death and brought satisfaction.
Believers also find satisfaction in the finished work of Christ. The believer is set free from sin and its consequences and enters into the family of God. This restored relationship with our Creator, brings a great satisfaction to the soul of the believer.


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5. Jesus made justification possible.
The Savior made justification possible through His death on the cross. **To justify means to declare a person righteous.** Justice always demands that the lawbreaker be condemned and the righteous be set free. Since all of us have broken God's law, we all stand condemned to bear the penalty, which is death.

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5. Jesus made justification possible.

Christ has already died for us, bearing the penalty of death on our behalf. Therefore, if we trust Christ as our Savior, allowing Him to cover us with His righteousness, God justifies us. He declares us righteous. He credits righteousness to our account.

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This is the meaning of justification. We are not righteous, but God declares us righteous when we give our lives to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. **Justification is one of the greatest gifts we receive as a result of Christ's death on the cross.**

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6. Jesus is honored.

The Savior is honored by believers as Lord and Sovereign Majesty of the universe. We look to Jesus as the great conqueror of sin, death, and hell.

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6. Jesus is honored.

Not everyone believes that Jesus Christ is the Savior, the promised Messiah, God in human flesh. However, Jesus will return and set up His kingdom. In that day, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is indeed who He claimed to be. All will honor Him!

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Christ will divide the wealth of His conquests with the strong, those who have placed their trust in Christ. Believers will appropriately exalt His name to the highest:

- because He died as a transgressor for them.
- because He bore their sins.
- because He made intercession for all sinners.

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6. Jesus is honored.

For these reasons and so many more, Jesus Christ will be exalted on high. He will be given all the glory, majesty, dominion, and power, forever and ever. And in that day, believers will stand in stark amazement because Christ will share His inheritance with all who truly believe and love Him.

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So What ...

Jesus sacrificed His life so you can be set free from sin and death.

Have you accepted His Salvation?

Considering all that He has done for you, how are you living for Him?

Lets commit ourselves to a deeper walk with Him!