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Do You Think Much About What Jesus Did For You?

Many folks today are living miserable lives, because they are thinking way too much about themselves instead of about Jesus. The first believers, after Jesus' resurrection, were thinking constantly about Jesus and what He had done for them when He died on the cross. These people believed in sin, and they believed that God is the Judge of it. They also believed that punishment for their sins would come from God, if they didn't sacrifice an animal for their wrong doings.

Back then, the true believers in Jesus knew that His death occurred in order to pay for their sins. Most of them couldn't stop thinking about this marvelous event and telling people about it. Now in our modern-day Christianity, the devil tries to take from believers the revelation that Jesus' death satisfied God's judgement and, therefore, the punishment for mankind's sin. Most believers in Jesus today have a watered-down Christianity; it's only about going to church and trying to be good. The powerful revelation of God putting the sins of the whole world on His Son, and letting Him die in their place, is not even taught in many churches. Today I want to give you some major Scriptures that show us this marvelous truth; so get ready to study these verses and let Jesus give you joy that this world can't even comprehend.

Isaiah 53:4-11 KJV Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not His mouth. [8] He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken. [9] And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth. [10] Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. [11] He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 53:5-11 NCV But He was wounded for the wrong we did; He was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to Him, and we are healed because of His wounds. [6] We all have wandered away like sheep; each of us has gone his own way. But the LORD has put on Him the punishment for all the evil we have done. [7] He was beaten down and punished, but He didn't say a word. He was like a lamb being led to be killed. He was quiet, as a sheep is quiet while its wool is

being cut; He never opened His mouth. [8] Men took Him away roughly and unfairly. He died without children to continue His family. He was put to death; He was punished for the sins of My people. [9] He was buried with wicked men, and He died with the rich. He had done nothing wrong, and He had never lied. [10] But it was the LORD who decided to crush Him and make Him suffer. The LORD made His life a penalty offering, but He will still see His descendants and live a long life. He will complete the things the LORD wants Him to do. [11] "After His soul suffers many things, He will see life and be satisfied. My Good Servant will make many people right with God; He will carry away their sins.

In these verses we see very clearly that Jesus satisfied justice; He was punished so we wouldn't have to be. We believers in Jesus never have to think again about God bringing His punishment upon us. Even when we get in the flesh and do wrong, we can just repent, come back to God; and He will help us to not do it again.

Luke 15:11-24 KJV And He said, A certain man had two sons: [12] And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. [13] And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. [14] And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. [15] And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. [17] And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18] I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, [19] And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. [20] And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. [21] And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. [22] But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: [23] And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry: [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

The father in this story didn't want to punish his son when he came home; he wanted to bless him. This is what Father God wants to do for us. That's why Jesus came and died in our place.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday 1Chronicles chapter 3

Tuesday 1Chronicles chapter 4

Wednesday 1Chronicles chapter 5
Thursday 1Chronicles chapter 6
Friday 1Chronicles chapter 7
Saturday 1Chronicles chapter 8
Sunday 1Chronicles chapter 9

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Sunday Schedule

* Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd entrance * Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. * Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley
Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul
Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins
Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon
Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrice Williams
Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham
Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade
Youth Service: 6th - senior Lucas/Cyndi Moore
Young Singles/College&Career:-Eliav/Kim Nash

UPCOMING EVENTS

Singles' Annual Memorial Day picnic in the Fellowship Hall Monday, May 30 at 1:30pm.
Meat provided; please bring a dish or dessert. Families whose spouse is deployed are invited to come

Youth Camp June 13-16; Kids' Camp June 21-24. Ushers have registration forms