

Isaiah 53 – Reflection and question

I had a short conversation with the local fuelpumpowner...he is a former friend and I put my testimony about leaving the church in his mailbox. I asked him if he read it...he did, but when he read that I don't believe that Christ suffered and died **instead** of us, that was too much for him. I asked him on what Scripture he founded his beliefs and he mentioned Isaiah 53.

I am busy now writing a study on this false doctrine and i found something i need your view on...its about verse 5.

Isa 53:5 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.

For our looking for the Hebrew words i find this:

Isa 53:5 But heH1931 was woundedH2490 for our transgressions,**H4480** H6588 he was bruisedH1792 for our iniquities:**H4480** H5771 the chastisementH4148 of our peaceH7965 was uponH5921 him; and with his stripesH2250 we are healed.H7495

H4480

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For H4482; **properly a part of**; hence (prepositionally), from or out of in many senses: - above, after, among, at, because of, by (reason of), from (among), in, X neither, X nor, (out) of, over, since, X then, through, X whether, with.

For our is obviously not what God meant with Isa 53:5

Whatever the Lord gives you to share on this is warmly welcomed by me.

YbiC

R...

Response from Steven

Hi R.... I just sat down at work so I don't have much time to write, but this came to mind:

Galatians 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; **yet not I**, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and **gave himself for me**.

I am crucified WITH Christ gives us the exact same message you have ended with.

Christ didn't die instead of us; we die WITH Christ daily. The end of Galatians also includes the Greek word G5228 and conveys the same Hebrew idea of H4480. Nevertheless, we are sacrificed together just like the priest put his hand on the sacrifice of the offerings to IDENTIFY with their sacrifice.

G5228

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Total KJV Occurrences: 41

above, 12

Mat_10:24 (2), Luk_6:40, Act_26:13, 1Co_4:6, 1Co_10:13, 2Co_1:8, 2Co_12:6, Gal_1:14, Eph_3:20, Phi_2:9, Phm_1:16

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Mat_10:37 (2), Luk_16:8, Phm_1:21, Heb_4:12

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2Co_5:11-12 (2), 2Co_8:24, Phi_1:29

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Mat_10:37 (2), 2Co_11:23, Phm_1:21

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Mar_9:40, 2Co_5:11-12 (2), 2Co_8:24

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2Co_11:5, 2Co_12:11

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2Co_5:20, Phm_1:13

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2Co_11:5, 1Th_5:13

beyond, 1

2Co_8:3

concerning, 1

Rom_9:27

exceeding, 1

Eph_3:20

exceedingly, 1

1Th_3:10

over, 1
Eph_1:22

toward, 1
2Co_7:7

Christ is the FIRST fruit and went through the process of death first to show us the Way and Truth to Life. Life is to know God and His Son.

That is what comes to mind for now and I will hopefully write more as the Lord gives me time later.

YBITC,

Steven

Response from Mike:

Hi R...,

Thank you for your question.

The truth is that Christ did indeed die for our sins, and He did take our sins upon Himself as the sacrifice for our sins:

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**.

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us**:

2Co 5:21 For **he hath made him to be sin for us**, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, **being made a curse for us**: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, **and hath given himself for us** an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

1Th 5:10 **Who died for us**, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

So we cannot deny that Christ "died for us", but your point is still true that he did not die in our stead. Rather He died for us so that he might also die daily within us:

1Co 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, **and gave himself for me.**

Christ did not "give Himself for me" so I would not have to die. He gave Himself for me so that I could be "crucified with Christ". That is how Paul and all the apostles and all the writers of the New Testament viewed the crucifixion.

Here is the verse which really brought this home to me:

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, **and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:**

So you and I are part of the very sacrifice that saves all men. We are the "living sacrifice" which is just as much a part of the cleansing of God's Israel and was the death and resurrection of Christ:

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ **were baptized into his death?**

Rom 6:4 Therefore **we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

Is this just for ourselves? Absolutely not! We are we are the scapegoat, the "living sacrifice", and we are the second bird which is released "in the field", as a "living sacrifice for the sins of God's Israel.

Gal 6:15 Certainly, it doesn't matter whether a person is circumcised or not. Rather, what matters is being a new creation.

Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy will come to rest on all those who conform to this principle. **They are the Israel of God.** (GW)

Lev 16:8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

Lev 16:9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

Lev 16:10 **But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.**

The "atonement" is made through both goats "fill[ing] up the afflictions of [the] Christ for His bodies sake which is the church" (Col 1:24).

Lev 14:2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest:

Lev 14:3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;

Lev 14:4 **Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds** alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

Lev 14:5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:

Lev 14:6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water:

Lev 14:7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, **and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.**

It take two birds "for him that is to be cleansed" of his leprosy. The second bird which is released "into the open field", is you and I who Christ prayed "not that you would take them out of the world, but that you would keep them from evil" in the world, as a living sacrifice".

Joh 17:15 **I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world**, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Rom 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.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

So Christ did die for us, but He did not die instead of us. I hope all these verses make clear this Truth.

Your brother who is, Lord willing, "dying daily... for His bodies sake which is the church" (1Co 15:31 and Col 1:24).

Mike