

LORD'S SUPPER EXHORTATION

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Isaiah 53:1-12

(1) Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? (2) For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him there is no beauty that we should desire Him. (3) He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (4) Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. (5) But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (7) He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before His shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. (8) He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. (9) And they made His grave with the wicked --- but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. (10) Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When you 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 the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. (12) Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death; and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The sufferings of Christ's state of humiliation; Men esteemed Him smitten of God for some very great sin of His own. It is true that He was smitten of God, but it was for our sin.

He substituted Himself for sinners as a sacrifice; to give His life a ransom for many. We could not put Him in our place, but He put Himself.

He subjected Himself to that which, to us, is the wages of sin. He has poured out His soul unto death, poured out as water, so little account did He make of it, when laying of it down was the appointed means of our redemption and salvation.

He suffered Himself to be ranked with sinners, and yet offered Himself to be an intercessor for sinners. In His sufferings He made intercession for the transgressors,

for those who reviled and crucified Him; for He prayed, Father forgive them, there by showing not only the He forgave them, but that He was now doing that upon which their forgiveness, and the forgiveness of all transgressors, were to be found that prayer was the language of His blood, crying, not for vengeance, but for mercy.

The death of Christ is the life of the church and of all who truly belong to it.

Thank you for salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, without which there would be no life; without His shedding of His blood, death, burial and resurrection we would still be lost in our sins.