Jesus Paid for all Sins

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Isaiah 53:2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected of men, A man of pain and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely our griefs/sickness He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,... Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, this refers to rebellion against God and against His Law. He was crushed for our iniquities; His soul was crushed for our sins. (Transgressions basically means to bend, twist or distort or to pervert. Jesus Christ was

crushed due to twisting or perverting the design or laws of God.)

Lets look at four other words to describe what caused Jesus to be crushed on the cross.

- 1. Transgressions.
- 2. Iniquities.
- 3. Sin. This comes from the Hebrew where the fundamental revelation of this word is to miss the mark. Now, what is the mark? The mark of God's Righteousness. Of all the words for sin in the Old Testament, this one is used most often throughout the Old Testament. It fundamentally reveals the basis of all sins, that is that in any category of sins, the offender misses the Mark of God's Righteous standard—whether it be in your thoughts or words or actions. So fundamental to all words revealing aspects of sin, is that all these words include as a base, missing the mark of God's Righteousness.
- 4. Evil. The Hebrew word has a variety of translations, depending on the context. Sometimes it is translated 'evil' but there are other words used to translate this Hebrew word. It's first appearance in the Bible is in contrast with good: **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** where evil encompasses anything, everything that is opposite God's Righteousness. Good and Evil are placed in an absolute state:

Good: the Righteousness of God;

Evil: any degree of Un-Righteousness. We must understand: there are different kinds of sins...Mental Attitude Sins (MAS); Sins of the Tongue (S/T); Overt sins, immoral sins; ethical sins, cultural sins,

etc. but the common revelation of every sin is a violation of the Righteousness of God. This Hebrew word more often combines all sinful thoughts. The depraved or evil or anti God state of existence:

Ecclesiastes 9:3a This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men...

Once you grasp this point of final judgment, you get down on your knees and thank God for sending His son

Ecclesiastes 9:3b ...Furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives.

Here is a description of what the hearts of every human being looks like to God.

1. Continually being corrupted

Ephesians 4:22 in reference to your former way of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

2. Most deceitful

Jeremiah 17:9a The heart is more deceitful than all else...

3. Incurably sick

Jeremiah 17:9b...and is incurable sick...

4. Full of <u>Evil</u>

Ecclesiastes 9:3b...furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil...

5. <u>insane</u>

Ecclesiastes 9:3c and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives

Remember, God <u>does not turn</u> us into better people, He starts all over with a new birth!

Now, the point here is that <u>first</u> we are <u>full of evil</u>, so we start off in an evil state of existence. Then <u>secondly</u> this Hebrew word includes the production of that which <u>comes from evil</u> and then <u>thirdly</u> it often includes the <u>consequences of the evil deed</u>. This is seen in

Nehemiah 2:17 Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach."

Another interesting revelation of this word is found here in

Nehemiah 2:2 So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.

Ok, which of these words is our Hebrew word? Remember we are looking here at the <u>consequences</u> of the word. It is the word **sad**. One of the dire consequences of Evil is SAD. What is interesting here is that

often those who are in evil are experiencing the consequences of being in evil. They are in evil and their soul is in turmoil and they do not even know why they are in turmoil. Why is your face sad even though you are not sick! There is nothing but sickness of heart. Then I was very much afraid. What is going on? I am not doing anything wrong...am I?? This is true of the unbeliever and of the believer who is in evil. But this is not evil, they protest, evil is doing some horrible things—no, evil is doing things opposed to the Righteousness of God.

Now, what are we doing here? We are looking at Isaiah 53 and the suffering of Jesus Christ. We are looking at why He is suffering on the cross.

Here in the same book, in the same chapter we have the same Hebrew word translated 3 different ways:

Nehemiah 2:

Verse 2 sad

Verse 10 displeasing and

Verse 17 <u>bad situation</u>. All three include the <u>consequences</u> of practicing un-righteousness.

For yet another way in which this descriptive word is used for looking at the <u>death of Jesus</u> on the cross, look at

1 Samuel 10:19a "But you have today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities...

This is our word and it refers to all the <u>calamities</u> that occur when we practice evil,

1 Samuel 10:19b and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a king over us!' Now

therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans."

The correct understanding of the Angelic Conflict and mankind in the conflict that caused the suffering of Jesus Christ is seen throughout the Word of God.

To begin with, the evil (un-Righteousness rebellion) of the <u>Angels</u> in the Pre-historic world caused the earth to become *tohu vaw bohu vaw hosek without form*, <u>empty</u> and <u>dark</u>. God did not create the world in this fashion.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, (tohu) but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Question: How did it become *tohu va bohu va hosek*? That is how it became: *without form, and empty and darkness*? Once the angels rebelled, then came Divine judgment against the evil of the fallen angels in the Pre-historic Angelic Conflict. Then what did God do? He first caused there to be ice on the earth. Then the Holy Spirit fixed it all up—6 days of Restoration proclaimed in Genesis chapter 1.

Then what did man do? Evil—moral evil—spiritual evil.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

What did God do this time? He brought judgment again. This time in the Universal Flood, Genesis 8:21. So, yes, man is the cause of disturbances of nature and the earth. And the earth is experiencing consequences, but man refuses to see the relation of <u>his evil</u> and what is going on, so he decides: Oh, it must be things those greedy capitalists are doing, so lets start passing laws. It is not the passing of laws but the returning to divine, moral order that is needed. Read Romans 8:18-25 and read

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

2 Peter 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

So the condition that caused the suffering of Christ can be found by looking at the condition of mankind.

- 1. Transgressions
- 2. Iniquities
- 3. Sin: to miss the mark of God's righteousness
- 4. Evil
- 5. Wicked

Now, none of us like to think of ourselves as wicked. We admit that we are sinners, ok, but *not wicked*. But what we learn from the Word of God is that this is the way God sees us every time we violate or go against His

Righteousness. The Hebrew word means Wicked, guilty, un-Righteous. One Hebrew Lexicon says this word is an antonym to the Hebrew word meaning righteous or in the right.

The believer who practices Righteousness: by the way, how do we practice Righteousness? By walking in the Holy Spirit; following the Holy Spirit, by keeping in step with the Holy Spirit. But the believer who practices Righteousness, is to disassociate himself from one who practices un-Righteousness.

The issue that sets this Hebrew word translated *wicked* apart from other words for sin is that this word emphasizes the activity of Un-Righteousness as being horrible and hurtful to others. Therefore the believer is warned to stay away from a wicked person. For this reason Isaiah describes this wickedness in

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, For it cannot be quiet, And its waters toss up refuse and mud.

Isaiah 57:21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Isaiah 53:4 Surely <u>our</u> griefs/sickness <u>He</u> Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him <u>stricken</u>, Smitten of God, and <u>afflicted</u>.

Isaiah 53:5a (But we came to realize the truth of what was going on:) He was pierced through (His soul) because of our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;...

Note again the contrast: He—our, Stricken Smitten Afflicted

Now in verse 5

Isaiah 53:5b But He was <u>pierced through for</u> <u>our transgressions</u> He was <u>crushed...</u>

These two verbs alone refer to a violent, painful suffering—death...but please remember all five of these verbs refer <u>not</u> to the pain of His Body <u>but of His Soul!</u>

The five verbs describing Jesus: Stricken Smitten Afflicted, Pierced through and Crushed.

Again, it is a travesty that religion, denominations, preachers etc. want to add something man does to these five powerfully descriptive words of our Lord's suffering on the cross. And then they declare that somehow you can lose your salvation. Something you do, some sin or sins or statements actually nullifies what He did on the cross.

Isaiah 53:5c...The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,

What is meant by this phrase? First let's look at *chastening*.

We have seen pierced through His soul; and crushed through His soul now we have chastening.

This word tells us about God!

It refers to discipline. Now some of you might have to think about this one. First, we have the meaning of this word. It means <u>discipline</u>. It also means <u>Rod of chastening</u>; or it can refer to <u>instruction</u> or it can mean <u>to punish</u>. There can be at least three reasons why God chastens.

- 1. Because God loves!
- 2. Because God is a teaching Father.
- 3. He desires us to live according to His Righteousness.

First, He loves. This is taught in

Hebrews 12:6 For those who the <u>Lord loves He Disciplines</u>; He Scourges every son whom He receives.

Proverbs 3:11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the Lord Or loathe His reproof,

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, Just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights.

Why Chastening?

First, there is un-Righteous conduct; God brings the suffering of discipline (chastening) for the purpose of correcting that conduct so it will be Righteous conduct. When the discipline is completed—the desired life is now lived. So here we see the chastening, the discipline, the suffering of discipline that results in peace. Note for our peace or well-being, you will love this word: peace or shalom. The NASV translates this: the chastening for our well-being, fell upon Him. But the best way to translate this phrase is: the suffering of chastisement that brings about our peace. Peace introduces the doctrine of Reconciliation. To appreciate this phrase you must understand that by our first birth we are enemies of God, we are in need of peace with God. We do not have this peace and what is even worse is that there is nothing we can do to bring about peace with God. Here is where Religion steps in with it's own list of what you have to do to be at peace with God. Why so many

denominations and religious movements? They differ as to what you have to do for God to bring about peace. What you have to do to be at peace with God and they each have their own list. So what happens is here comes a person and he checks out this list and that list and he picks the denomination or the church whose list he prefers. Basically, there are three lists: Service or emotionalism or intellectualism. Service results in do and do. Emotionalism results in charismatic or praise emotionalism. Intellectualism results in study and study.

- —There are people who have the mother or nurse instinct so they go to a church where service is praised and told that God will save you and love you if you serve.
- —There are people who love to feel good, love to be emotional, so they go to a church where the list is feeling, being charismatic or have physical magnetism, or singing, speaking in tongues etc.
- —There are those who are drawn to intellectualism. They love to study, increase in knowledge and so they find a church where they are told that God will love you if you just learn more and more, and the more you know, the more God will love you.

Now let me tell you about a lot of what is called 'religious experience.' That is *horizontal* movement experience. They move from an emotional church, say to an intellectual church—and the difference is what excites them; or they move to a do and do church, from a church in which they did not do very much, now I am doing a lot for the church. But, what God is looking for is a *vertical* movement: that is where you move upward spiritually.

You see, God starts with knowing—listening, learning—but the virtue is not in the learning, not in how much you learn but what you are learning about and how that learning changes your life. God is not impressed with

how much we know if that knowledge does not take us to an intimate fellowship with Him and His Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures (that is you study and study the Scriptures) because you think that in them (in the knowing of them) you have eternal life; (Well, you are wrong!) It is these Scriptures that testify about Me;

These Scriptures tell you about me and how to come to me. These Jews are no different than a multitude of Jews in the Old Testament. They offered sacrifices, many sacrifices, because they thought that the blessing came just in the offering of these sacrifices. And of course we know they were terribly mistaken. This is not unlike many religious people today that think it is just the doing of rituals, or sacraments, doing something over and over in a consecrated church building...that just the doing was pleasing to God. Or there are people who think just the serving of God... doing good, as do and do is what God desires. Or just the learning is what pleases God...and there are pastors who actually teach this falsehood, oh, the more you learn the more God will love you....wrong! All this wisdom should bring you to abiding in His Son...loving One Another as Jesus Christ loved.

People it is not a matter that you <u>know</u> more than others, or that you <u>do</u> <u>more</u> than others or that you <u>emote</u> more than others. That is all wrong! And you have missed the point. The goal is to love the Lord your God, <u>in</u> and by the power of His Spirit.

Isaiah 53:5 The chastening for our well being fell upon Him

The chastening, the discipline, the suffering of discipline that results in peace. Note that this is for our well-being! Shalom or peace! So the best

way to translate this phrase is: the suffering of chastisement that brings about our peace, instead of peace, judgment awaited us! Awaits every person who chooses not to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. Instead of peace—severe, eternal judgment awaits every unbeliever. But Jesus Christ removed this barrier and procured peace between every human being and God. That is right! He procured this peace for every member of the human race; by or through His Son. And why His Son? Why Jesus? Why do Christians insist that it is only through Faith in Jesus Christ as Savior that you have eternal peace with God? Because He and only Jesus procures this peace by bearing the judgment for our sins. This is why we are spending time on Isaiah 53! When He bore our sins He broke down the wall, the barrier between the sinner and God, and now God offers perfect Righteousness, with resultant Justification to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. What about those who do not believe in Jesus Christ as Savior? Is there still a barrier between them and God? Will they have to bear the judgment for their sins? And the answer is NO! Jesus Christ procured this peace on the cross. Every unbeliever will stand at the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Millennium because he has rejected Jesus Christ as His Savior. And he will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire for his rejection of Christ as savior, and the subsequent absence of imputation of God's perfect Righteousness and resultant Justification.

Isaiah 53:5 (Mattox) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the suffering of chastisement that brings about our peace

Isaiah 53:5 (English Standard Version) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the

chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (Berean Study Bible) But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (King James Bible) 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.

Isaiah 53:5 (American Standard Version) 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.

Isaiah 53:5 (Darby Bible Translation) 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.

Isaiah 53:5 (Douay-Rheims Bible) But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for

our sins: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his bruises we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (English Revised Version) 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.

Isaiah 53:5 (Young's Literal Translation) And he is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace is on him, And by his bruise there is healing to us.