



## WORD

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>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 53:4,5

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God is our loving and gracious Father, but He is also holy. His holiness requires Him to be a God of justice who hates sin. The punishment for sin is death (Romans 6:23). In the Old Testament, an animal acted as a sacrificial substitute to cleanse man from sin. In the New Testament, Jesus became the sacrificial substitute for our sins and He has justified us before the Father. He is our perfect substitute. In this lesson, we will look at what Jesus did for us on the cross, and what He has given us in return.

## 1 His sorrow for our peace

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows . . .*

ISAIAH 53:4

Jesus was our substitute who took upon Himself the bitter consequences of our sins, which is grief, sorrow, and eternity apart from God. Instead, He gave us peace and restores us to a relationship of peace with God. How have you known this peace since Jesus became your Lord and Savior?

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## 2 His suffering for our sin

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities . . .* ISAIAH 53:5

Jesus never committed a sin personally, but He was punished without pity for our sins, as if Jesus had been sin itself (2 Corinthians 5:21). If we put our trust in Jesus, we don't need to fear the condemnation of God. What kind of sufferings did Jesus experience in our place?

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## 3 His wounds for our healing

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Jesus suffered floggings and beatings, followed by an agonizing death on the cross. He did all this to take upon Himself the sins of the world. Because Jesus was severely punished in our place, we can receive His healing and wholeness. Why did Jesus voluntarily sacrifice Himself for us? Why did He die for us on the cross?

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