

Call to Worship | Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

In Our Place, Condemned | 1 Peter 2:22-25

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Main Idea: Jesus as our example and substitute enables us to respond to suffering and hardship as sons and daughters of the Father, not slaves.

Jesus, Our Example

1. Continually Entrusted Himself to the Father

Jesus was condemned for the sinner and entrusts Himself to the Father;

2. Redemptive Conduct

You can change the world through your redemptive conduct;

- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus, Our Substitute

1. Walking in Righteousness

Jesus becoming and bearing our sin is where we receive the power to walk in righteousness and healing;

- "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

2. Healed

Jesus bearing our sin heals us of our sin and frees us from the power of sin;

3. Reconciled

Jesus' work on the cross reconciles us to the Father.

Jesus, Our Redeemer

1. Redemption Accomplished

In purchasing sinners, with His blood, for their redemption, we can return to Jesus' care;

- "In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

2. Sons not Slaves

If we follow Jesus, then we need both him as our example AND substitute;

Benediction | Romans 6:13-14

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.