

“For man is the only animal which causes pain to others without any further purpose than just to cause it. Other animals never do it except to satisfy their hunger, or in the rage of combat No animal ever torments another for the mere purpose of tormenting, but man does it, and it is this that constitutes the diabolical feature in his character which is so much worse than the merely animal.” **Arthur Schopenhauer “On Human Nature”**

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The Human Problem

WE ARE SINNERS (we sin)

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has ***turned to our own way***” v6

“But he was pierced for our ***rebellion***, crushed for our ***sins.***” v5

THE CROSS: God's Solution For Our Sin

Solution for Our Sin

- “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,” v5
- “Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.” v6
- “And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.” v11

Substitution



Sacrifice

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Substitution For Christ also suffered once for sins, *the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.* 1 Peter 3:18

Sacrifice He himself *bore our sins' in his body* on the cross 1 Peter 2:24



The essence of sin is humans substituting themselves for God
The essence of salvation is God substituting himself for humanity

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The Human Problem

WE ARE SUFFERERS (we are sinned against)

“Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;

So when it comes to sin we are simultaneously **villains** and **victims**, we *hurt others by our sin* and *are hurt by the sin of others*

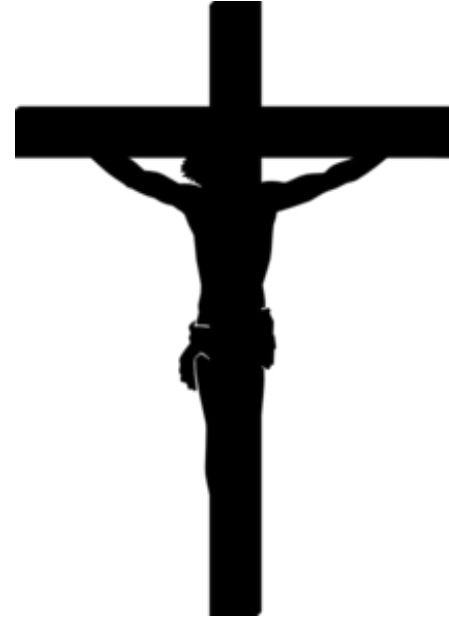
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“He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and **familiar with pain.**” Isaiah 53:3 (understanding)

“Surely he took up our pain and **bore our suffering**” Isaiah 53: 4

“ and by his wounds **we are healed.**” Isaiah 53:v5 (healing)

Understanding



“In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?” John Stott

“Only a suffering God can help” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Healing



by his wounds ...

“we are healed” (NIV)

“made us whole” (The Message)

Isaiahh 53: 5



I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned
Find mercy and grace
***Where the wrongs we have done
And the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with him
There on the cross***

