

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, part 14

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The fulfillment of the 4th Servant Song

The New Testament teachings on the blood of Christ are prefigured in the teaching in Isaiah 53 that the Servant died as a substitute for us and was raised from the dead. See Isaiah 53:4-6,10-12.

The **blood of Christ** demonstrates that *Christ suffered and died on the cross* as the Substitute for sinful man (the human race). He tasted death for everyone (Hebrews 2:9). He powered Himself out to death for us (Isaiah 53:12b).

Here are the teachings that we will examine, first in the New Testament epistles, and then in Isaiah 53:

1. Substitution
2. Expiation
3. Propitiation
4. Redemption
5. Reconciliation
6. Justification

We will now study each of the teachings, one at a time.

We will see the definition and description, That will include the New Testament scriptures. Then we'll see the verses in Isaiah 53 that prefigure the New Testament teachings.

Keep in mind that Isaiah saw these truths in relation to *the nation of Israel*.

For Isaiah, redemption meant the deliverance of the remnant of Israel out of exile (both physical and spiritual) and into the Messianic Kingdom. He described how the Lord would forgive the sins of Israel. And so on.

Last time, we completed our study of the teaching of Substitution.

1. **Substitution:** Christ tasted death for every man (*Hebrews 2:9*). Jesus bore the punishment that was due us for our sins by dying on the cross *in our place*; *Romans 5:6,8*; *2 Corinthians 5:20-21*; *Galatians 1:3-4*; *2:20*; *3:13*; *Titus 2:13-14*; *Hebrews 10:10*; *1 Peter 2:24*; *3:18*. God spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, *Romans 8:32*. We then read *Isaiah 53:4-6, 8, and 11* on substitution.

Tonight, we pick things up with Expiation.

2. **Expiation:** the sacrifice of Christ *took away (canceled out)* sin, its guilt, and its penalty, **Hebrews 10:10-14**. He bore our sins on the cross, **1 Peter 2:24**. He put away sin by His sacrifice, **Hebrews 9:26-28**. He canceled out our certificate of debt, **Colossians 2:13-15**.

Now read **Isaiah 53:4-6, 8 [the penalty], 10a [the guilt] , 11b, and 12c [bore our sin]** on expiation. Remember: “us”, “we”, and “our” refer to the nation of Israel.

3. **Propitiation:** the effect of Christ's death toward God, **Romans 3:25**. God's wrath against sin fell upon Christ bearing our sins. The blood of Christ – His sacrificial death - *completely satisfied all claims of God's holiness* against sin. The claims that God's offended holiness had against sinners were all met by the death of Christ on the cross, **1 John 2:1-2; 4:10**.

Now read **Isaiah 53:10a and 11a** on propitiation.

4. **Redemption:** *The deliverance* from the wrath of God and the merited penalty of sin was effected through the death of Christ, **Romans 3:24**. Redemption is based on expiation and propitiation. We were redeemed with the blood of Christ, **1 Peter 1:17-21**. Christ gave Himself a ransom for all, **1 Timothy 2:3-6**. We were redeemed from the curse of the Law, **Galatians 3:13**. We were redeemed from every lawless deed, **Titus 2:13-14**. As a result, all of the believer's sins have been *forgiven*, **Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 2:13**.

See **Isaiah chapters 43-44** on redemption. Read **Isaiah 44:21-22**.

5. **Reconciliation: believers are no longer God's enemies, Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Colossians 1:19-22.** The sacrifice of Christ on the cross brings into God's holy presence guilty sinners whose Substitute has borne their guilt, **1 Peter 3:18**. Believers have been brought near to God through the death of His Son, **Ephesians 2:13-18**.

Now read **Isaiah 53:5** on reconciliation.

6. **Justification:** *God declares the believing sinner to be righteous in His eyes* forever on the ground of the blood of Christ, **Romans 3:21-28; 5:9**. God reckons righteous the ungodly man who believes in Christ, because He places him in the full value of the infinite work of Christ on the cross, **Romans 4:2-8**. Further, God transfers him into the Risen Christ, who becomes his righteousness, **1 Corinthians 1:30-31**. God gives him the same *acceptance* before Himself as has Christ, so that the believer is now "the righteousness of God in Christ", **2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:8-9**.

Now read **Isaiah 53:11b** on justification.

To sum up, then:

- A. **Christ** is *our substitute*.
- B. **Sin** (guilt of and punishment for) was *expiated* by the blood of Christ – His sacrificial death on the cross.
- C. **God** has been *propitiated* by the blood of Christ.
- D. **Believers** are *redeemed* by the blood of Christ.
- E. **Believers** are *reconciled* to God by the blood of Christ.
- F. A **believer** is *justified* on the ground of the blood of Christ.

These are presented here in logical order, not chronological order.

Christ finished the work when He died on the cross. He died for all men and women. This means that He secured the ground or provision of redemption, reconciliation, and justification for all.

Individual people are brought into the value (receive the benefits) of that provision when they believe in Christ. Christ is the Savior of all men, especially believers (**1 Timothy 4:10**).

Blood of Christ	<i>Isaiah 53</i>
1. Substitution	<i>4-6,8,11</i>
2. Expiation	<i>4-6,8, 10a, 11b, 12c</i>
3. Propitiation	<i>10a, 11a</i>
4. Redemption	<i>{See Isaiah 43-44}</i>
5. Reconciliation	<i>5</i>
6. Justification	<i>11b</i>