

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, part 15

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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 have now completed our study of Substitution and Expiation.

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*; *1 Peter 2:24*;
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*.

Tonight, we pick things up with Propitiation.

3. **Propitiation:** the effect of Christ's death toward God, ***Romans 3:25***. God's wrath against sin (***Romans 1:18***) 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:** To redeem means to rescue from bondage and set free from slavery by paying the required ransom price. The ransom price or wages for sin is death, ***Romans 6:23***. Jesus paid those wages for us. We were bought with a price, ***1 Corinthians 6:20***.
 - a. Jesus Christ purchased us with His blood, ***Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:6-10***. No other price but Christ's blood in His death could have paid our eternal debt for sin. We were redeemed with the blood of Christ, ***1 Peter 1:17-21***.
 - b. All human beings were born in bondage to sin, ***John 8:34, Romans 8:2***. We were slaves to sin, ***Romans 6:20***. We were subject to the power of death, ***Hebrews 2:14-15***.

- c. Christ gave Himself a ransom for all, **1 Timothy 2:3-6**. By His blood, Jesus freed us from the reign of sin and death, **Romans 5:17-21, 8:2**.
- d. We have been delivered from the wrath of God and the merited penalty of sin through the death of Christ, **Romans 3:24**.
- e. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, **Galatians 3:13**. Christ redeemed us from every lawless deed, **Titus 2:13-14**. Jesus delivered us from this evil age, **Galatians 1:4**. God rescued us from the reign of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, **Colossians 1:13**.
- f. Having been rescued and set free, all the believer's sins have been *forgiven*, **Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 2:13; Hebrews 9:11-14**.

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>