

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, part 17

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The fulfillment of the 4th Servant Song

The New Testament teachings on the blood of Christ are prefigured in Isaiah 53 .

The **blood of Christ** witnessed to the fact 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).

We are examining six aspects of the blood of Christ.

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

We have now completed our study of Substitution, Expiation, and Propitiation.

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*.
3. **Propitiation:** The blood of Christ – His sacrificial death - *completely satisfied all claims of God's holiness* against sin and sinners, *1 John 2:1-2*; *4:10*.

We will next wrap up our study of Redemption with point f.

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.
 - a. Jesus Christ purchased us with His blood. 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 5:18-21*, *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*. 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**: a change in relationship from hostility to harmony and peace between two parties. Reconciliation by the blood of Christ is taught in four major passages, to which we will refer several times. They are: **Romans 5:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 2:13-18; and Colossians 1:19-22.**
- a. *God reconciled us to Himself through the death of His Son; Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18.* We were reconciled to God while we were His enemies. God the Father reconciled us in the fleshly body of Christ through His death, **Colossians 1:22; Ephesians 2:16.**
 - b. All of humanity was God's enemy. We were hostile to God. **Romans 5:10; Romans 8:7; Ephesians 2:15-16; Colossians 1:21.**
 - c. Christ put to death the enmity (hostility, being an enemy) by His cross, **Ephesians 2:15-16.** The war is over. Believers are no longer God's enemies. **Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.**
 - d. Those who were formerly far away have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ, **Ephesians 2:13.** 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.**
 - e. Christ made peace through the blood of His cross, **Colossians 1:20.** Believers have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ **Romans 5:1.** Christ Himself is our peace, **Ephesians 2:14.**
 - f. God reconciled the world to Himself; **2 Corinthians 5:19.** God has reconciled all things to Himself having made peace through the blood of Christ's cross; **Colossians 1:20.**
 - g. God has given believers the ministry of reconciliation. He has committed to us the word of reconciliation – the gospel. We have been made ambassadors for Christ. God is appealing to the world through us: "be reconciled to God"! **2 Corinthians 5:18-20.**
 - h. This demonstrates two things: (1) Reconciliation is available to any person. The blood of Christ secured the reconciliation for the whole world. (2) Not all people will be reconciled to God. Only those who listen to the message of the gospel and believe it receive the reconciliation that God provided in Christ's death.

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. All of His claims against sin and sinners were satisfied.
- D. **Believers** have been *redeemed* (purchased, rescued, set free, and forgiven) by the blood of Christ.
- E. **Believers** are *reconciled to God*, have peace with God, through the blood of Christ. He is our peace.
- F. A **believer** is *justified* - declared righteous forever by God - *by faith*, on the ground of the blood of Christ.

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

Christ finished the infinite, perfect 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 full value* (receive the benefits) of that infinite work when they believe in Christ.

Christ is the Savior of all men (He secured it for all), especially believers (who receive the full benefits of that provision), **1 Timothy 4:10.**

Blood of Christ	<i>Isaiah 53</i>
1. Substitution	4-6,8,11
2. Expiation	4-6,8, 10a, 11b, 12c
3. Propitiation	10a, 11a
4. Redemption	See Isaiah 44:21-22
5. Reconciliation	5
6. Justification	11b