

Hard Questions: Jesus' Suffering

Isaiah 53 & 2 Corinthians 5:21

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1. Every single one of us is infected with sin. Adam's rebellion moved the entire human race into sin status. (Romans 5:12, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:10)
2. Sin immediately produced spiritual alienation from God in this life & relentless eternity in Hell. (Ephesians 2:12, Ephesians 4:18, Colossians 1:21, Matthew 25:41 & 46, 2 Thessalonians 1:9, Revelation 14:9-11; 20:11-15)
3. Yet God brought a cure of reconciliation to humanity. Jesus intentionally went to the cross as the outworking of God's rescue plan. (Acts 2:23, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23; 2:14)
4. Reconciliation requires death, and Jesus is the only one who knew no sin and could therefore bear the wrath of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Kings 8:46, Romans 3:23, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:19)
5. God made Jesus to be sin. He was not a 'sinner', instead God punished Him with the penalty of all the sins of those who would believe. (Isaiah 53:4-6, John 1:12; 3:16-18, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 4:25)
6. Jesus paid the full penalty for our sin; God no longer holds it against us. (2 Corinthians 5:21, Psalm 32:1)
7. The suffering of Jesus was not for His own sin. The Father lays our sin on Jesus, abandoning Him to the shame of the cross, to demonstrate his love & mercy. (Isaiah 53:9, Romans 5:8)
8. God's pleasure is in the great success of what the Son accomplishes in his sacrifice. (Isaiah 53:10-11)
9. The Son's suffering was demonstrating the depth of His love for the Father's glory, and God took pleasure in that love. (John 10:17)

HEBREW & GREEK WORDS

Boule (boo-lay') volition, purpose: counsel, will

Chaphets (khaw-fates') -to incline to

SONG TITLES

Steadfast - Sarah McCracken

Way Maker - Leeland

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At the Cross - Chris Tomlin