

Wounded For Our Transgressions

**3) By His Stripes
We Are Healed
(Isaiah 53:4-6)**

'Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all'

(Isa.53:4-6)

**What did Isaiah mean when
he said:**

'by His stripes we are healed'?

Jesus did not suffer and die to heal our bodies

This was not necessary

**The Bible often refers to sin as sickness
needing healing**

***'I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; heal my
soul, for I have sinned against You"'***

(Psa.41:4)

***'When Jesus heard it, He said to them,
"Those who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are sick. I did
not come to call the righteous, but
sinners, to repentance"'***

(Mk.2:17)

Isaiah was speaking about spiritual healing

'Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger. The Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward...

'...Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment'

(Isa.1:4-6)

The context of Isa.53:4-6 is clear that the sickness is sins

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See the remainder of this passage:

'For the transgressions of My people He was stricken... When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days...For He shall bear their iniquities ... Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors'
(Isa.53:8,10-12)

Peter also was not referring to physical healing when he quoted this passage

'...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls'

(1 Pet.2:24-25)

Jesus suffered stripes as punishment for sin not sickness

'...if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. Forty blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight'

(Deut.25:2-3)

**If Jesus died for our sickness
He didn't do a good job**

- **Every person He healed died**
- **In contrast, forgiveness is complete and permanent**
- **No more record of sin**
- **No more condemnation**
- **No more need to confess our sin**
- **By His stripes we are completely healed!!!**

**The doctrine that Jesus died on the cross to
take away sickness in this world is false**

The true gospel is:
***'Christ died for our sins according to the
Scriptures'***
(1 Cor.15:3)

Does God heal the sick today?

Yes. But not on the basis of the atonement

***Penal substitution is the only way to understand Isaiah 53 and the Cross**

***Penal: There is a penalty or judgment for sin – without exception**

***This is called the wrath of God**

***Holiness without judgment upon sin is not possible. God cannot tolerate sin and remain holy**

***God's judgment on sin is to banish it from His presence**

***But sin is not a thing. It is an act committed by moral beings**

Paul begins his presentation of the gospel in Romans outlining the universality of sin and the wrath of God which awaits sinners:

'The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men ...'

(Rom. 1:18)

'But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God'
(Rom. 2:5)

***'Let no one deceive you with empty words, for
because of these things the wrath of God
comes upon the sons of disobedience'***

(Eph. 5:6)

Substitution: God accepts a substitute

'But Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God'

(1 Pet 3:18)

Three key verbs in these verses which teach penal substitution:

1) 'Borne' *nāśā* - 'bear, carry away'
'*Surely He has borne our griefs...*'
(Isa.53:4)

This term is used literally & figuratively of bearing the guilt or punishment of sin. 'You will take it and bear it'

'And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!"'

(Gen.4:13)

'If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of the matter—if he does not tell it, he bears guilt'

(Lev.5:1)

***'According to the number of the days in which
you spied out the land, forty days, for each
day you shall bear your guilt one year,
namely forty years, and you shall know My
rejection'***

(Num. 14:34)

***Nasa' can also imply the
taking away of sin***

***'The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to
an uninhabited land; and he shall release the
goat in the wilderness'***

(Lev.16:22)

Repeated in Isa.53:12

'...He bore the sin of many'

2) 'Carried' *sābal* – the ability to carry a burden
'and carried our sorrows...'
(Isa.53:4)

Like Cain we say:
'My punishment is greater than I can bear'
It would crush us

3) 'Laid' *pâga* - 'to lay upon, to burden'

A Heb. causative verb, i.e. causing someone to do something. He bore it and carried it, but it was laid on Him

*'...the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all...
(Isa.53:6)*

Paga literally means to fall on –

'Go and cut him down' 'Go and fall on him'
(2 Sam.1:15)

**Sin did not kill Jesus, God did. He was smitten
by God**

'It pleased the LORD to bruise Him...'
(Isa.53:10)

***'In this is love, not that we loved God, but that
He loved us and sent His Son to be the
propitiation for our sins'***

(1 Jn.4:10)