

The All-sufficiency of Christ.

Isaiah 53:10-12 *“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”*

Today many celebrate the secular holiday of Easter. While there are no true “Christian Holidays” some how this time of year is when they celebrate it. The world, along with the worldly Christian’s can do as they choose but let us understand that every Sunday morning the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated or should be by attending church and celebrating all that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit has done for us. (1) before the foundation of the world was created God elected a remnant into a fold prepared for His eternal glory, then He gave this elected remnant to His eternal Son, (2.) The Son was born as the seed of the woman (Mary) live an impeccable life, surrendered Himself to be punished so badly that He was unrecognizable, more than any man, then allowed Himself to be nailed to a tree called a cross, and after many hours of suffering surrender His life to death, shedding His perfect blood to cleanse our sins. (3) After the 3rd day the Holy Spirit early in the morning resurrected that body and Jesus lives forever more. Today Jesus Christ sits on His own throne next to the Father as an Advocate for us who are saved and redeemed by His blood.

A. All of mankind is born into ruin.

1. While people are born proud and feeling morally good, in reality we are sinners with dead spirits. **Romans 3:11 - 18** *"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (12) They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (13)*

Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: (14) Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: (15) Their feet are swift to shed blood: (16) Destruction and misery are in their ways: (17) And the way of peace have they not known: 18) There is no fear of God before their eyes." – **Mankind is born as sinners and most miserable.**

2. Before God, through the power of the Holy Spirit saves us we must understand the depth of our ruin, guilt, and misery, we must find ourselves in an utter and hopeless state.
 3. There is to be no rest until the Holy Spirit reveals God's all-sufficient Christ to the heart of the lost sinner.
 4. The more a sinner learns of their hopelessness, their guilt, their vileness as a human being, it for themself much the better. Much sweeter when God saves them.
 5. The secret of true peace is after we learn of our guilty, ruined, helpless, worthless self, and there find an all-sufficient Christ, the Christ that God by grace gave for us. "*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief...*" **Isaiah 53:10a**
- B. We must recognize God's own provision for us.
1. This provision of God, this gift of grace was in His Son, the all-sufficient Christ!
 2. All-sufficient because we need nothing else. "*thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin*" **Hebrews 9:14 - 15** "*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (15) And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*"
 3. Our all-sufficient Saviour is God's sweetsmelling savour **Ephesians 5:2** "*And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*" - The meaning here

is, that the offering which Christ made of himself to God, was like the grateful and pleasant smell of “incense,” that is, it was acceptable to him.

4. Paul wrote of this “sweetsmelling savour.” in **2 Corinthians 2:14 – 15** “*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. (15) For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:*”
5. Though Jesus Christ we are conquerors or victors and pleasing unto God. “*by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*” Isaiah 53:11b Because Jesus Christ is “The All-sufficient Christ.”

C. All-sufficient because Jehovah God laid on Him the iniquities of us all.

1. **1 Peter 3:18** “*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*” Once was enough, once is all God needed to justify many.
2. One writer wrote these words, “*It is impossible that any truly awakened soul, any spiritually enlightened conscience, can enjoy divinely-settled peace until this most precious truth is laid hold of in simple faith. **I must know, upon divine authority, that all my sins are put away for ever out of God's sight; that He Himself has disposed of them in such a manner as to satisfy all the claims of His throne, and all the attributes of His nature; that He has glorified Himself in the putting away of my sins, in a far higher and more wonderful manner than if he had sent me to an everlasting hell on account of them.***”
3. Yes indeed, God Himself has done this very gracious act, He has laid our sins on Jesus, and He tells us so in His Holy word, so that we may know it upon divine authority and divine authority that cannot lie.
4. God planned it all before the foundation of the world; God did it all by Himself; and it is all of God, from first to last, and we have simply to rest in it like a little child. How do I know that Jesus bore my sins in His own body on the tree, when God’s Holy Spirit reveals it to me.

5. When God tells me that Jesus Christ is my all-sufficient Saviour. **Matthew 11:28**
- **30** *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*