

All Have Sinned

Isaiah 53:6

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“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6).

Whenever I look into the 53rd chapter of Isaiah I feel like I am on holy ground. There is something about this chapter that fills me with wonder and awe. I'm sure it must be the fact that here is presented one of the most magnificent portraits of the Lord Jesus in the whole Bible.

But our verse for the day starts out with another portrait, a portrait of each of us. “All we like sheep have gone astray.” We have all wandered off the path and away from God. We have alienated ourselves from Him by living contrary to His grand and wonderful plan which He designed for each of us.

We are like sheep, which after wandering far afield are unable to find their way back to the fold. And while we wander aimlessly in the barren places of the earth, far from God, we are exposed to the beasts of the field who are bent on our destruction.

We have turned everyone to His own way thereby setting ourselves in competition with the will of God. This is the foolishness of our sin, for the will of God is known to be good, acceptable and perfect. That which sinners choose and devise for themselves is bad, unacceptable and imperfect.

We have willfully and stubbornly gone our own way, the way of our own heart, the way of our own corrupt appetites and passions. We have declared ourselves to be our own God. We do what we want, we have what we want, and we live the way we want.

In light of all of that, can you believe that Almighty God, by a momentous act of mercy and grace has laid on His only begotten Son the iniquity of us all? They were laid upon Christ when He was made sin, a sin offering for us, and redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us.

There is only one way of salvation. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

He suffered and died for our sins. He was wounded for our transgressions. He made atonement for them and purchased our pardon from them. The crown of thorns on His head was for our sins. The nails in His hands and feet were for our sins. The spear in His side was for our sins.

The torment and pain were for our rebellion. His bruises were for our iniquity. He was delivered to death for our offenses. By submitting to these chastisements He slew the enmity between God and man and made peace by the blood of His cross.

Whereas by our sin we were become odious to God's holiness and obnoxious to His justice, through Christ we are reconciled. Our sins are forgiven. The great and eternal God becomes our father and we become the objects of His love. Amazing grace! By His stripes we are healed.

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