

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, September 27, 2026

1. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12
2. Why is it that in a world full of problems, man's guilt before God is the greatest problem he faces?
3. Throughout the OT there is one great and gracious truth God revealed about salvation that stands out above all others, what is it? How is this seen in Gen.3 when God clothes Adam and Eve? How is it seen in the ceremonial system of the Law?
4. Throughout our text we learn three things about the way of salvation that have come about through the horrific suffering of the Servant of the Lord. The first thing we learn is that it is paved by a substitute. What does this mean? Where do we see this in the text?
5. The second thing we see is that it requires a penalty to be paid. Where do we see this in the text? What is the penalty? Who pays the penalty?
6. The third thing we learn is that the way of salvation demands atonement. What does atonement mean? Where do we see this in the text? What is the Day of Atonement and how does the language here relate to it?
7. After the Servant of the Lord succeeds in His mission we're told that He will be satisfied because He will make many to be accounted righteous. What does this mean? On what grounds is someone accounted righteous?

8. In the end we know from the NT (Matt.8:17, Luke 22:37, John 12:38, Acts 8:32-33, etc...) that the Servant being referred to in this passage is Jesus. How do each of these points relate to Him and His work? What are the implications of this for you?

9. Our text shows that the Lord provided the solution to our guilt through the saving work of His Servant, Jesus Christ. But what should you as a Christian do if you still feel guilty? What's the practical solution to dealing with these feelings?

10. Pray!

Reading of Law: James 2:8-9

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. For your name is great and greatly to be praised. We come before you this morning confessing our sins, and specifically we confess our failure to love our neighbor as ourselves. As you teach us, our neighbor refers to all those we come in contact with, even if it is someone who despises us. These we are called to love as ourselves, and we confess that we have failed to do this. We also confess our tendency to show partiality, judging people by unrighteous measures like wealth, status, popularity, and celebrity, often preferring to associate with them than with the lowly. This reveals the sinfulness of our hearts and shows how different we are from you, for you are not partial to anyone and you judge no one based upon outward appearances, but you look upon the heart. Father, please forgive us of our sins and cleanse us of our unrighteousness. And please continue to work in our hearts that we would be more like our Savior in loving our neighbor as ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace ^bin which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

[Eph. 1:4,11](#); [Rom. 9:22-23](#).

Q. 8. How does God execute his decrees?

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

[Ps. 148:8](#); [Isa. 40:26](#); [Dan. 4:35](#); [Acts 4:24-28](#), [Rev. 4:11](#)

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

[Gen. 1](#); [Heb. 11:3](#).

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

[Gen. 1:26-28](#); [Col. 3:10](#); [Eph. 4:24](#).

NT Reading: Romans 3:20-26

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- ²² the righteousness of God

through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.