

# How Sweet the Sound: God's Redeeming Grace

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Isaiah 53:4-10a, 12b (written approx. 700 years before Christ's birth)

4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering... 11... 12... he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## 1. SIN IS OFFENSIVE TO GOD BECAUSE IT DESTROYS HIS CHILDREN

Genesis 2:16-17

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:4-5

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Romans 6:23

For the wages (punishment) of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 53:4

Surely he took up our infirmities (sickness) and carried our sorrows (grief)...

## 2. THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN MUST BE PAID

Isaiah 64:6 (We can't save ourselves)

... All of our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Isaiah 53:6, 10a

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 10... it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer...

Romans 5:18

...Just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

## 3. GOD DOES WHAT WE CAN'T... HE REDEEMS US FROM SIN

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Galatians 2:20-21

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me... I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.