

Good Friday ~ Friday, April 10, 2020

“Jesus Our Substitute”

Isaiah 53:1-6; Matthew 27:45-47

“At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. At about three o’clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice; ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’” (Matthew 27:45-47)

Of all Jesus’ words from the cross, this statement is the most _____.

cried out = *anabo aho* =

forsaken = *en-katal-eipo* =

Jesus knew the pain of _____, however, this was nothing compared to the pain He experienced when He was _____ by God.

The darkness of Calvary wasn’t just a _____ darkness, it was a _____ darkness as well.

darkness = *skotos* =

In the Old Testament, darkness was a sign of God’s _____.

“‘On that day,’ says the Sovereign Lord, ‘I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth while it is still day.’” (Amos 8:9)

The darkness of Calvary was an act of God—a sign of His _____ on sin.

It was during this 3 hours of darkness that all the _____ were poured out on Jesus.

In shouting this from the cross, Jesus was responding to the painful fact that sin _____ us from God.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you.” (Isaiah 59:2)

As Jesus bore the sins of the world, God _____ His face from Him. This wasn’t because He was some kind of a _____, taking pleasure in Jesus’ suffering, as some would argue; but because He is _____—sin can’t stand in His _____.

“Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong doing.” (Habbakuk 1:13)

Jesus was forsaken because God is a _____ God. This must have been the _____ time in Jesus’ life. It must have been an agonizing feeling for Him who had lived His entire life in perfect _____ with His Father, to experience this level of distance and _____.

“Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

“God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then in exchange, he poured God’s goodness into us.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Isaiah and Paul make it very clear that Jesus was _____—that it was our sin that caused His punishment. As He hung on the cross, Jesus became our _____.

“The wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23)

“He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2)

atoning = *hilasmos* =

Atonement is all about the _____—it satisfies _____.

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus’ cry from the cross confronts us with the painful reality of sin and its _____.

“All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own.” (Isaiah 53:6)

A Christian world view holds that sin entered the world from the _____.

“When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam’s sins brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

As wondrous as God’s creation is—it’s still _____. Because of this reality,

salvation is _____. Yes, it's free for us, but that's only because Jesus _____ the price on the cross.

THE REALITY OF SIN

• **Sin is _____.**

The strategy of the enemy is to get us to _____ at sin; to _____ us into not taking sin seriously and making light of it; to _____ sin to make it look attractive, appealing, and desirable.

We see the fun part, but never the _____. Sin may provide a moment of pleasure, but that pleasure fades pretty fast and then we're left dealing with all the _____.

“Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.” (Proverbs 14:9)

• **Sin is an _____.**

Sin it can never deliver what it _____. It might be enjoyable at first, however, the satisfaction we experience is _____, leaving us feeling _____ inside and only craving more.

“The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.” (Genesis 3:6)

• **Sin is a _____.**

Although it often starts as a small spark, fire can quickly _____ into a raging inferno. Similarly, sin often starts small; however, left _____, it can quickly get out of control an _____.

“Can you build a fire in your lap and not burn your pants?” (Proverbs 6:27)

“Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrong doing.” (Galatians 3:13)

Salvation is _____, but that's only because Jesus paid the _____ on the cross.

OUR RESPONSE

#1. Turn from our _____ and trust Jesus to _____ us.

“We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we

have done.” (Romans 3:22)

It doesn't matter who we are or what we've done—salvation is available to _____.

“Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved...” (Acts 16:31)

Have you turned from you sins?

Do you trust Jesus in every area of your life?

#2. Live a life of _____.

“Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.” (Romans 5:11)

Our lives become a _____ to God's goodness, mercy, and unfailing love.

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

Do you live your life in a constant state of gratitude to God?

#3. _____ the Good News.

“Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mk 6:15)

Jesus' intentions are pretty clear—as believers, we're called to _____ the Good News, in and through our lives

Jesus died for _____—and He wants _____ to know.

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

When was the last time you shared the Good News?

When was the last time you shared your faith with someone else?



By God's amazing grace, Jesus became our _____, and did something on the cross that we were unable to do for ourselves.

Faced with the magnitude of this, how will you respond this Good Friday?

How will you respond to God's amazing grace?