

# FOUNDATIONS OF THE CROSS

## Outline – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### INTRODUCTION

#### Opening Verses Isaiah 53:6-12

The Substitutionary Death of Christ – the only path to salvation.

**Verses - 1 Peter 2:21-25** - We are all born into a state of rebellion, going our own way, serving self, serving and bound to sin.

#### Verses - Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Romans 3:3

Job, Jeremiah, Romans, and Galatians – we see man (humanity) described as – full of trouble, unclean, deceitful, sick, not righteous, doesn't seek God, having sinned, fallen short of God's glory, imprisoned under sin.

#### Verse - 1 John 1:8

That is the problem we see in Isaiah, but He didn't stop there, because He gave us an answer to the problem.

The Bible says that God laid (placed) upon Christ the iniquity (the sin) of us all. He was made an offering (guilty, He could take and pay the penalty) for sin. He bore our sin. The reason is He became our substitute and took upon Himself what you and I deserved.

#### Verse - 2 Corinthians 5:21

#### Verses - Psalm 103:12 and Micah 7:19

God laid our sin upon Christ so that He could separate us from our sin for eternity and so that we would not have to carry it. But the removal of sin goes beyond just the activities that we think of sin. God wants to set us free from sin.

#### Verse - Romans 6:6 and Ephesians 4:22-23

We had to die, but we couldn't even die in our abilities... God had to bring death to our lives.

We are in full and complete dependence upon Him, even for our daily walk as a Christian.

Even if you could somehow be perfect, it wouldn't work.

### **Verse - Romans 3:20**

**Verse - Hebrews 11:6** - the only way to please God is through faith, works/activities... are not the way to please God.

Salvation must be by faith – it must be an activity of faith, or it does not please God. Being perfect is not enough, works is dependence upon self (faith in self) and not faith in God. God responds to faith.

### **Verses - Romans 5:1, 10:10 and Ephesians 2:8-9**

Salvation is a gift that is received by and only by faith. It cannot come as a result of works.

**Verse - Galatians 2:21** - If righteousness/salvation could come through the law, or keeping the law perfectly, then Christ died for no reason.

Paul's own thoughts. **Verses - Philippians 3:8-9**

### **Verse 7 (Isaiah 53)**

Opened not His mouth speaks His willingness to die for sinners; it also marks His dignity and authority. Notice, he wasn't silent because He was weak. He was silent because He was in a place of submission to His Father.

### **Verse - 1 Peter 2:23**

Application – How do we respond when unfairly treated, judged, suffering?

### **Verse 8 (Isaiah 53)**

The prophet brings the point home again and again. The Servant of the LORD, the Messiah, Jesus suffers, not for Himself, but for sins of the people.

### **Verse 10 (Isaiah 53)**

This was God's doing! God put Him to grief! Jesus was not a victim of circumstance or just at the wrong place at the wrong time. Everything was planned by God and prophesied by Isaiah hundreds of years before it happened. It all was set in place perfectly.

### **Verse - Revelation 13:8 and Ephesians 1:3-5**

### **Verse 11 (Isaiah 53)**

Jesus will look upon His work and in the end, He shall be satisfied. The Messiah will have no regrets. Every bit of the suffering and agony was worth it.

### **Verse - Hebrews 12:2**

### **Verse 12 (Isaiah 53)**

Jesus wonderful work will be rewarded. Why?

- He poured out His soul to death
- He was numbered with the transgressors
- He bore the sin of many
- -He made intercession for the transgressors

Paul describes this...

### **Verses - Philippians 2:5-11**