
God's Holy Word records TWICE for us, the declaration of God the Father, which He spoke from heaven in the days of Christ's humanity, when He said:

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

This happened on the day when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, and then on the Mount of Transfiguration, when the Father's voice was heard out of the cloud. Lastly, Peter recounted hearing God on the Mount of Transfiguration in 2 Peter 1:17-18.

It is certainly true that God the Father was never anything but "well pleased" or as it means delighted with His only begotten Son, but in our text for this morning, Isaiah 53:10 we read these words:

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise, (or as it means to crush) Him". God the Father took pleasure, delighted in slaying His Son; it was His will to do this... HOW can this be? HOW do we process this?

Well, it was the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, carried out at the hands of wicked men, but all according to God's will to make an end of sins, and to reconcile sinners to God. John 10:11, Zechariah 13:7

Even knowing this truth, STILL, it is hard to process this; it's one thing to offer up your own Son, it's quite another thing to be pleased by it.

But what we must understand is that there will always be things in the mind and works of the God (and of Christ, and of the Holy Spirit) that are unfathomable to us and hard to understand. Isaiah 55:8-9

With that in mind, what can we learn from God the Father being pleased to crush His only begotten Son? In Genesis 3 we read of the account of man's fall into sin, a thing that GREATLY DISPLEASED GOD.

For thousands of years, even in the believing people of Israel offering countless blood sacrifices, God was NEVER sufficed and pleased, He never delighted in the blood of bulls and goats...it wasn't until His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ offered up Himself as "The One Sacrifice" that would please and suffice God the Father for the sins of fallen humanity.

As written by the Prophet Daniel, the sacrifice of the Messiah would:

"Finish the transgression, make an end of sins, make reconciliation for the people, and bring in everlasting righteousness." God would finally be FOREVER pleased and delighted in a sacrifice for fallen sinners.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! NOW because of Christ, fallen sinners can come to God by faith in the One who put away sins by the sacrifice of Himself. Romans 3:23-26

THIS IS HOW we can understand God the Father being pleased to bruise and crush His Son. But we must also understand that

God was never anything but "well pleased with His Son", but if it's possible, even more so in Him being willing to be made sin for us. Hebrews 10:1-14

God the Father took pleasure in His Son's sacrifice on the cross in such a way that He would never have been pleased with the blood of bulls and goats.

But when God saw the blood of Christ, He declared, your sins and iniquities will I remember no more!

Isaiah 53:11 tells us of another passage that is strange in our ears! "By His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities."

Christ the Righteous DID bear the sins of MANY! The Just suffered and died for the condemned, the Innocent One was put to death for the guilty ones, the sinless Son of God for the guilty sons and daughters of Adam.

We come this morning to celebrate the death of Jesus, the Son of Man... who celebrates death? We celebrate THIS DEATH!

In Isaiah 53:12 says that "He poured out His soul unto death"; Psalm 22:14: "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels."

This wasn't a surrender of His life and His soul, this was a deliberate pouring out of His soul unto death, until He had completed and satisfied His Father's justice for our sins.

John 10:11-18

Finally, He shall see His seed (in every generation...from humanity's beginning to the end of the age), He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

What we do this morning in taking the Lord's Supper is obedience to the command of Christ.

This is for the born-again only; for those who are believers in Christ...who's sins were put away on His cross, and by His death. For those who believe that Christ died, was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.