

**Isaiah 53; Lord's Day 15**  
**I BELIEVE IN JESUS' SUFFERING**

- I. The suffering.
  - A. Various characteristics of Jesus' suffering.
  - B. Jesus' suffering was as a real man (God cannot suffer) suffering in His human nature (body and soul).
    - 1. He suffered physically.
    - 2. He suffered in His soul (John 12:27; Luke 22:44; Matt. 26:37,38).
  - C. His suffering was voluntary, for He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8). In doing such, He demonstrated the greater love of laying down His life for His friends (John 15:13).
- II. Jesus knew the purpose for His suffering.
  - A. Negatively, the purpose was not to be a martyr for his principles, or an example to be followed.
  - B. The purpose of Jesus' suffering was to make payment for sin; He gave the sacrifice which made satisfaction.
  - C. He suffered for whom? Catechism says, "the sins of all mankind."
    - 1. This is not for every human in this world (John 10:14 with Matt. 7:23; John 10:11,26; and there is a hell).
    - 2. Only for all of the sins of the elect: "I lay down My life for My sheep," (John 6:39; 10:15); save His people (Matt. 1:21).
    - 3. "All mankind" conveys the Scriptural teaching that all of the elect together form the essence of mankind.
- III. Jesus' suffering bore fruit.
  - A. Let us walk humbly as we learn how horrible sin is in what and how much Jesus had to suffer because of our sin.
  - B. His suffering actually atoned, made real and full payment (John 10: 28; I Peter 2:24; Col. 1:21,22).
  - C. He bore God's wrath completely, so God has no more wrath against us - ever (Rom. 8:32-35).