

Christ's sufferings for our sins (Quality: Average)

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- [0 : 00] The Spirit of grace and of supplication. The Spirit of supplication you may well be aware of, you may be indeed to understand it as the Spirit of prayer.
- But the Spirit of grace, surely it is the Spirit of humility. The Spirit of repentance. The Spirit of submission too.
- To be under the exercise of the Spirit of grace and of supplication. Well may it please the Lord to teach you and I, as we venture to pray unto him, to come in the humble spirit that grace will give.
- The Spirit of grace and of supplication. But then what else will it be? And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced.
- And they shall mourn for him as one mourning for his only son. And shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. We must obviously, and I say that very carefully, but obviously here it is to be seen what it was that pierced Jesus Christ.
- [1 : 25] What was the cause of Jesus Christ coming here on earth? What was it laid upon him that he should accomplish ere he returned to glory?
- He should suffer for the sins of his people. We have a hymn that says, the soldier's pierced his sight is true. But we have pierced him through and through.
- And I believe too, dear friends, if you have a right view of this word. And a right view of spiritual instruction. And teaching through this word. You will see the cause of the sufferings of Christ.
- To be the sins of his people. For there on Calvary's tree he suffered the just for the unjust. There on Calvary's tree he fulfilled what his own holy name is.
- To be, we are reminded of his holy name. What it is. Thou shalt call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins.
- [2 : 29] Now, the Lord pour out upon the house of David. The Lord pour out the house upon you and I. This blessed gift. This gracious spirit.
- This humble spirit before him. The spirit of grace. One of the fruits of grace. And that surely is how we shall see grace.
- In the working out of it, my friends. Is this. That you will not be found low enough. Before the Lord Jesus Christ. Take the cases.
- In the scriptures of truth. Of those who were. Who found. Who found Jesus Christ. To be the all in all to them. They were those whom the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Had done something for. The woman in the Pharisee's house. Well, she was found at his feet. Mary, as it is described in the 10th chapter of Luke.
- [3 : 30] Mary, the sister of Martha. Well, where was she? When it was evidently a time of distress to Martha. She was found sitting at Jesus' feet.
- Hearing his word. And then you look at that poor man. Whom the Lord Jesus Christ met. In the land of Gennesaret, wasn't he?

The Lord Jesus Christ was knees across the lake. To find this man who was nothing more than a madman. A lunatic as we might describe him. But when he was cured of that legion of devils.

Delivered from their power. Their influence. Where was he found? Well, he was found sitting at Jesus' feet. Clothed and in his right mind.

Now, this is where I believe every believer would want to be. I will pour upon the house of David. Under the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The spirit of grace.

[4 : 31] And of supplication. What will they supplicate for? What will be the content of their prayer? What will they pray about?

Well, when Saul of Tarsus was quickened into divine life on the Damascus road. And led by the hand because he was blind into Damascus.

The Lord Jesus said to Ananias. That he, behold he prayeth. If you look at the case of the publican in the Gospel of Luke.

The subject of his prayer was mercy. That is what he cried for. That is what he supplicated for. That was the cry out of his heart.

And the reason being. And my friends, in the purposes of grace. The knowledge of sin within. Will bring the cry of mercy from your heart. Everyone that is convinced.

[5 : 33] By the blessed spirit of his sinnership. Everyone that is brought to know and feel. Is lost and ruined condition by nature. Shall indeed be taught to cry for mercy.

Well, the spirit of grace and of supplications. The spirit of grace therefore will put you and I where it should be. Where we should be.

In a very low place before him. But there is also here a most blessed word of comfort. And I believe my friends.

If you and I could lay hold of it. The Lord so teaches the profitable blessing that is within these words. And they shall look upon me.

Whom they appears and shall mourn for him. As one mourneth for his only son. There is not judgment there, you know. There is not chastening hand of God there.

[6 : 29] There is mercy there. Why is it so? Because my friends. The Lord must surely give the people of God. The praying people of God. The poor sinner.

In the sanctuary. The poor sinner at the throne of grace. My friends. This is the grace of faith. That is another evidence of the work of grace within.

And they shall look upon me. Whom they appears. Wonderful mercy my friends. If your prayers and supplications have this content in it.

Isn't it? That you might be led by faith. Into the glories of heaven. And see the mediator. And that blessed mediator.

Between God and men. Has nail marks. In his feet. And in his hands. They shall look upon me. Whom they have pierced. And they shall mourn for him.

[7 : 26] As one mourneth for his only son. My friends. It's grace in the soul. That will make you mourn over Christ. And it is grace in your soul. That will make you mourn after Christ.

I've thought sometimes. Of those words of Job. Familiar to us all. In chapter 23. Of the book. Of Job. He said. Oh that I knew. Where I might find him.

Him. And my friends. Who was it that you wanted to find? I've said to you so often. What a loss did that man incur. Because of the.

Spite of Satan. And surely the attempt of Satan. To overthrow the grace of God. In that man's soul. Oh he was permitted to lose. His children.

His health. And his wealth. But having lost those three things. Which made him the greatest man of the least. The cry of his heart. Was not for the return of his children.

[8 : 24] Or his wealth. Or even his health. But was to know the presence of his God. Oh that I knew. Where I might find him. And they shall look upon me.

Whom they have pierced. And blessed is that faith. My friends. When you. When. By faith. You can look upon Christ Jesus. This is a remarkable word.

Because of its prophecy. All prophecies. That are in the word of God. That is prophecies of the. Holy Spirit's working. In the hearts of the prophets. And causes them to write.

These remarkable events. Though they were so. Far. Hence to be fulfilled. God. God. But here we have. Really what's. Surely the most simple.

And yet. A glorious truth. Concerning. Jesus Christ. And his people. Here we have a sinner. And here we have a saviour. And it is a sinner.

[9 : 21] That by faith. Will look to the saviour. And see the evidence. Of sin. And what the evidence. Of sin. Has done to the saviour. In the.

In Isaiah's prophecy. We have that word again. As it. So. Demonstrates. The wonder of prophecy. All that prophecies.

Of course. Have been. Well. Not all. But some of the prophecies. Perhaps a lot of the prophecies. Have been fulfilled. Especially of course. That which concerns.

The coming of the Lord Jesus. As the saviour of his people. But that word. In Isaiah. Says this. That his face. Was more marred.

Than any man. Now that's a wonderful prophecy. Isn't it? That he should see beyond time. Into the glories. Of heaven. See past time.

[10 : 12] As it were. To see the form. And presence of Christ. Now. My friends. We have. We do believe. We surely do believe. That in glory. Jesus Christ.

Is at God's right hand. With nail marks. In his hands. And his feet. And sword mark. In his side. They shall look upon me. Whom they appear.

They were the cause. Of his suffering. Wasn't the. It wasn't so. It wasn't that. The soldiers. And the. High priest.

Or the. Captains of the temple. It wasn't for the Pharisees. And Sadducees. That. That wanted his. Death. And his crucifixion. So much.

As the cause. As the cause. Of his death. The cause. Of his death. Was the sins. Of his people. And on that. Blessed day. And it really. Was a blessed day.

[11 : 08] In the. In the next chapter. It says. In that day. There shall be a fountain. Open. To the house. Of David. And to the inhabitants. Of Jerusalem. For sin.

And uncleanness. Knowing that. Most precious day. There. The glorious. Son of God. Incarnate. Suffered. And died. For his people. So that his.

Offering. Which was acceptable. To God. So that his sacrifice. Shall be made. For them. And in their room. And place. Instead. He bore away. Their iniquity.

And they shall look. Upon me. Whom they have pierced. And they shall. Mourn for him. Never mourn. For Jesus Christ. Ever have those longing.

Desires for Christ. That's mourning. Weeping over sin. And after him. The poet said. One of our hymn writers said. Dear Lord. May I am mourner thee.

[12 : 05] Over my sins. And after thee. And they shall. Look upon me. As they appear. And they shall mourn for him. What is it. That you so desire.

Of Christ Jesus. Oh. You might say. Well I long. Long for his presence. Long to feel his presence. In my. Very soul. Long to hear his voice.

Long to say to. By faith. The sacrifice. That he made. I was. Choosing hymns. For this prayer meeting.

I looked at that hymn. That I. So often quote here. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. Hymn. And in that hymn. I. You find these words.

It is a hymn. That is written by Anne Steele. Be this my great. My only care. My chief pursuit. my ardent prayer and interest in the Saviour's blood my pardon sealed and peace with God now my friends that verse will be so blessedly surely seen in this 10th verse in this chapter in Zechariah if you are brought by living faith to see that blessed sight of Christ if you are enabled by living faith to view that gracious and glorious person in heaven and then feel this what causes you what causes anybody to mourn well my friends as many things we might naturally be able to explain it away very simply the reason for mourning is grief and sorrow if you lose someone dear to you well you will surely mourn and sorrow with grief in your spirit upon it but then my friends the children of God will mourn and grieve over sin not all the world will because all the world do not feel themselves to be sinners but such that feel themselves to be sinners such whom the spirit of truth will indeed teach them that they are sinners show them that they are sinners make them to feel that they are sinners those will be the one that mourn and grieve and sorrow and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn well sin will make you and I mourn when it is made apparent the prodigal mourn didn't he when he began to be in what we read and he said how many servants of my father have bread enough and to spare and I perish with hunger

[15 : 03] I will arise and go to my father and say unto him father I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight and are no more worthy to be called thy son that's real mourning that is and I tell you another way another time you were mourned too when you feel to have grieved his spirit when the dear Lord Jesus Christ was in the judgment hall and there were those false accusations made against him and blasphemous accusations also but then remember the disciple Peter the man who said though all men forsake thee yet will not I and remember too that it was that damsel wasn't it in the judgment hall that accused him of being one of Christ's disciples and how vehemently he denied the very truth that he was one of Christ's disciples and then we read the cock crow and there was something very important about that because the Lord Jesus had said to him before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice and then there was something else in one of those gospels of it of that account we read this that the Lord turned and looked upon Peter and what did it do for Peter not now this valiant for the truth Peter not now this person who was impetuous in his way always speaking for the other 11 disciples not now

Peter remember the words of the Lord Jesus and he went out and he wept bitterly my friends if you if you've got grace in your soul you'll weep over sin you'll mourn over sin and you'll grieve over sin because of what sin did to the saviour and if you grieve over sin in a right way in a right grieving and a distressed condition that grace will give you my friends you'll seek to be pardoned your plea to be pardoned and forgiven that's where the prodigal came to he had to come back to his father's house because what he needed was in his father's house but what waited for him in his father's house not retribution not to be cast out of his sight not to be made a servant my friends but what broke that man's heart I'm sure you know was his father's love wasn't changed his father's love what he provided for him bring forth the best robe but before then he saw him a great way off a great way off and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him and he said bring forth the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet for this my son was dead and is alive again was lost and is found and I shall mourn for him my friends mourn because of his absence mourn because of his silence mourn because he saved such a distance it's Christ Jesus my friends the all and be all to your precious soul you will mourn his absence and as one mourneth for his only son and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn well I leave the history to other people believe what these words may mean

I do believe and I will just say this that I do believe the day will come when the Jewish nation shall indeed be found in this text those they have rejected him as the Messiah as the saviour of sinners they've rejected him turned away from him and practice indeed the old covenant religion but I believe the day will come when that blessed people the Jews the nation of Israel I believe one day and my friends how soon it may be we know not but I believe there will be a day when you will find this counterpart and that on the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and the supplication and they shall look upon me whom they appeased well it's the most blessed word my friends it's the most profitable word it's the most sacred occasion and experience when a sinner looks on a saviour because a saviour's looked on a sinner that is why out of Christ my friends there is no mercy the apostle wrote our God is a consuming fire and so he would be to every sinner but oh those that are in Christ Jesus those that are his people those who are quickened by his spirit my friends will find in the saviour mercy and goodness and kindness compassion and restoration and restoration too and they shall look upon me and they appear and they shall mourn for him as one mourn if there is only son and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn what sort of religion is it my friends where there is no Christ but there again what sort of religion is it for a child of God when he mourns his absence when he feels that he's not with him and when he feels so destitute his heart so hard so careless so indifferent my friends what a mercy when the spirit of God softens their heart and brings supplication and grace within the soul and causes them to plead and pray and beg for those returning blessings well we must stop these few remarks but it is a gospel text and it is a gospel blessing oh may you and I be found in it my friends it will be a seal for heaven amen we now sing the second hymn hymn number 1025 in evil long I took delight unawed by shame or fear till a new object struck my sight and stopped my wild career

I saw one hanging on a tree in agonies and blood who fixed his languid eyes on me as near his cross I stood sure never till my latest breath can I forget that look it seemed to charge me with his death though not a word he spoke hymn 1025 he considered to be a the times hymn all in we now you

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