

THANKS TO CALVARY

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
Php 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:5 wounded — a bodily wound; not mere mental sorrow; literally, “pierced whose hands, feet, and side were pierced (Psa 22:16). The *Margin*, wrongly, from a *Hebrew* root, translates, “tormented.”

he was bruised for our iniquities; as bread corn is bruised by threshing it, or by its being ground in the mill, as the manna was; or as spice is bruised in a mortar, (**an cast-iron bowl in which one is crushed**) he being broken and crushed to pieces under the weight of sin, and the punishment of it.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and he was afflicted,.... He was injuriously treated by the Jews; they used him very ill, and handled him very roughly; he was oppressed and afflicted, both in body and mind, with their blows, and with their reproaches; he was afflicted,

yet he opened not his mouth; against the oppressor that did him the injury, nor murmured at the affliction that was heavy upon him: or, "and he opened not his mouth"; against the justice of God, and the demand that was made upon him,

Psa 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

Psa 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Psa 40:4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

SONG: THANKS TO CALVARY

“Today I went back to the place where I use to go before, today I saw that same old crowd I knew before. When they asked me what had happen, I tried to tell them, thanks to Calvary I don’t come here anymore. Thanks to Calvary, I am not the man I used to be, thanks to Calvary, things are different than before. While the tears ran down my face, I tried to tell them, Thanks to Calvary I don’t go there anymore.

Then I went back to the house were we used to live, my little boy went and hid behind the door. And I said son, or little boy don’t be afraid, you have a brand new daddy now. Thanks to Calvary we don’t live here anymore.

1. **Calvary is the central theme of the whole Bible;** it brings Old Testament and New Testament together. He is not only the fulfillment of the Old Testament, but He is the Word made flesh, and suffered on an old rugged cross for the sins of all creation.
2. **Calvary stands as a pivotal point between heaven and Hell.** It was at Calvary that he courted my soul with bloody garments and compassion and a love for my sin wrecked life.
3. **Bethel becomes a meeting place for Jacob and His God.** Jacob’s vision at Bethel is also a place of significance in the Scripture.

Gen 28:11 **And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night,** because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.
Gen 28:12 **And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.**

FACES AROUND THE CROSS

1. The crowd around the Cross:

Mat 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Mat 27:55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

Mat 27:56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

Mat 27:57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

2. The Angry Crowd:

Mat 26:65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

Mat 26:66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

Mat 26:67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,

3. **Mary Magdalene:** Saw Him as her deliver, whom seven devils was cast out.
4. **The One Leper brings his Nine Friends:** “Jesus, Here are the other nine coming back to give you thanks!
5. **Blind Bartimaeus and His Family at the foot of the cross,** with a heart full of thanks.
6. **The Maniac of Gadara clothed** and in his right mind with peace being set free from thousands of devils. Jesus I Love You!
7. **The Faces of Tabernacle of Praise:** Matt, Dave, Veronica Rodela,