

WAS JESUS BEATEN BY THE FATHER?

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For many years there has been a lot of talk about **Isaiah 53** in Church circles and there's also some controversy about it. We are going to look at a verse that talks about the chastisement of the Lord and what it means when the Bible says that it pleased the Father to bruise Him and what that was actually going on upon that cross. The reason why I would talk about that is very simple. Church, we need to understand that one of the most important things in a relationship is belief. The only way someone has access to your heart is through belief. If everything that is in our life is born from our heart, that's what the Bible says clearly that we should guard our heart above all things for out of it is the issues or out of it issues your life. So if our heart is crooked, our life will be crooked, so we need to be able to believe in God. That is a very, very, important point. We need to be able to believe in God. Humans do have the ability to believe but what I mean by that belief is not just to believe that Jesus exists or that God exists. There are many people that believe that. The Muslims believe that God exists. They believe that Jesus walked the face of the earth. They even believe that He will return and all those kind of things. But the fact that we believe Jesus will return, the fact that we believe Jesus was upon the cross, does bring great joy to us but what is very important to also understand is not just to believe that it happened but to have that truth presented in a way that it can produce trust. **Trust is when your mind goes to rest in the integrity of someone else and that is called belief.**

We can have faith that Christ has done certain things, but that faith will bring forth a resting of the mind based on what we are persuaded of. So, when we look at God and we put things on God that cannot cause our heart to believe, we are in trouble. We must realize that we are made in the image and in the likeness of God. We are made in a way that the dynamics that is in the Trinity is the only thing that is actually going to give us life. We are people and beings that cannot believe in someone unless his character makes family sense or there is family logic inside that. You'll struggle to believe Him. You'll struggle to trust Him and that is very important to understand. If we look at the cross of Jesus, if we look at what God has done for us in Jesus, and it is put in a place or presented in a package that if this truth that Jesus took away the sin of the world, if this truth that Jesus went to the cross for us, if this truth that the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, if this truth that He became sin, if this truth that He died for me, is presented in a package that the heart cannot believe in the One Who brought this truth, this truth will have very little or no effect in your life.

You might be saying, "Bertie, what are you trying to say?" Now let me get to what I am trying to say. If we say that God gave His Son and the foundation from where we declare that He gave His Son is of utmost importance. The reason why He gave His Son is what causes the heart to believe. We can say, "We believe that He gave His Son." But that is not the problem, but WHY did He give His Son? That is very, very, important because once the "why" is answered, it tells the heart if the heart can trust or not. That's why we find many Christians today believe Jesus came to the earth. They believe that Jesus was punished for them. They believe that the Father punished Jesus and they believe that all the sin was taken away, and all those kind of things and yet they walk around with guilt. They walk around with condemnation and when it comes to eternal life they don't know if they are actually going to go to heaven. I'm not talking about what you'll tell other people. I'm not talking about your moment when you feel in your hype of quoting scriptures. I'm talking about what you feel in the very depth of your being and what life there is in the depth of your being. That is what I am talking about.

With that said, we are going to have a look at what happened on the cross and have a look at what Jesus Christ came to do for us.

(Bertie shows a picture, entitled, The Justice of God, a picture of Jesus being whipped by a Roman soldier and a picture of a woman holding a whipping paddle with the word, Justice, printed on it.)

So many times we have seen the justice of God in this light of the picture (of the woman with the "justice" paddle) What we are saying is, "This is how Christianity was preached", and I find now that a lot of people, and I don't want to go into politics, but just for those of you who listen to many preachers and don't just stick to listening to one guy., I want to say this: That picture that I just showed there, of the justice of God being satisfied in beating Jesus has been preached in ninety-nine percent of all churches for a long, long time. And that is not the truth!

Let me show you that picture again and we are going to explain this. Look at this: Justice of God. This lady represents God and the justice of God is to beat you or to beat somebody when he has sinned and now we see it portrayed in Christ here in this picture. In other words, what we are seeing here is the Father chastising the Son. So in this picture (of the man beating Jesus), we don't see God (the One being beaten) but we see God in the one beating Him. So was God in Christ, when He reconciled the world, or was God in that demon possessed Roman Soldier there who was beating Jesus to pieces? That's the picture many have of God beating Jesus for us. That's what we were supposed to take. God was supposed to beat us this way, rip us to pieces because of His anger and His justice, that He has. Now that is CRAZY, man!

I'm sorry, but I don't know about you guys, but I can't believe in a God like that! You might just want to switch this off but if you switch this off, you will miss what I actually want to teach and the foundation from where I am reasoning to tell you what I am telling you. I'm not saying that Jesus didn't take the punishment for sin. I'm not saying that Jesus didn't die our death. I'm not saying that blood was not needed for salvation. **What I'm saying is that without what happened on that cross, nobody can be saved.** So, just that you can know that!

But there's something wrong with that picture. I'm sorry for going back to that picture again, but there is something wrong with that picture! Those two things don't go together. You will not find pastors putting that up on a page or in theological books, that they will use those two pictures together but that is what the subconscious mind hears. Because we have had this picture of God as a God that lives by certain rule and Law and His ability to keep to that rule and Law is called His justice and justice is only satisfied in spanking! So if Adam sinned, God has to obey the Law by which He lives, which is called the Law of Justice which says the following: If somebody sins, you don't forgive him... you beat him. Then once you've beaten him, then you let him go and now he's free to go and that is defined as forgiveness. Let me say that again. If we say that God had to beat Jesus in order to produce or create a platform from where He can forgive people, we are saying the following: The Law by which God lives is what you call the Law of Punishment in order to forgive. So forgiveness is defined like this: God's forgiveness... Those pictures that I just showed you, this is how the forgiveness looks: You sin and then you have to be beaten because the justice of God is not to just forgive. The justice of God is you've sinned towards Me and now I cannot forgive unless I have beaten you. Then after being beaten, then He forgives you.

Now imagine I apply that today and we just take this logic and we test it as if it makes sense. If I take that logic and I say, that my son comes and he speaks back to his Mom. Now, I don't forgive him unless he is beaten." And even if it is fifty years later, I cannot forgive him until he is beaten and when he is

beaten, then I say, "Now you are forgiven." Now he isn't forgiven! What happened is he paid for his sin. You can't connect that with forgiveness. It's like if I owe you ten thousand dollars and I can't pay you, I don't have the ability to pay you that money, and someone else comes and pays for me. Can you now come and say, "I forgive you. You don't owe me the money anymore." No, it has nothing to do with you. I've done my part. I have paid so now how can you say, "I now forgive."

Do you see how twisted the whole system is? Even the whole system of God forgives. We really have to define all those things. What forgiveness actually is is not to say, "Well, I don't keep any thing against you." **Forgiveness means to set you free from something that binds you**, to send away the contract, to divorce, to send a wife away in divorce. That is what the word, forgive, means. I forgive you. I send away the thing that binds you. It's not that I don't keep anything against you. If we, in today's life, must forgive according to this System (Bertie again showed the two pictures --- one of the woman carrying the paddle with the word, Justice, written on it and the other picture of a Roman soldier beating Jesus.), we will be seen as the worst sinners that have ever walked on this planet. There would be nothing different between what we believe right there and what people that believe that justice must be served and you aren't forgiven unless you are punished.

If someone's son is murdered or something was stolen from somebody and the guy goes to jail, you don't find that person forgiving that man. You just find him saying, "He got what he deserved! Now I feel good because he got what he deserved." **Forgiveness cannot be defined in beating.**

Let's just recap what I have said:

If we come and we say, "God lives by a certain rule and this is the Law of forgiveness: God keeps something against somebody that have sinned towards Him and because He is a just God, He cannot forgive unless the person is beaten." If that is our definition for forgiveness who are we to forgive in a different way from God? So, somebody steals from me and I cannot forgive him just by forgiving him. He must be caught, go to jail, get his punishment and then I will call him forgiven. No! I call him punished! That is the whole thing and from that mentality we have built the whole Gospel and the goodness of God. Even a lot on the message of God's mercy and God's grace revolves around a god who is subject to a Law, which for a start doesn't make God, God anymore, for that Law is now the Law of God and that God tells God what to do. I'm under a Law that says I am married to Sister Law and we don't want to upset her and she says, "Unless you are punished, you are not forgiven". So, God says, "I am married to Sister Law and I'm obedient to her for if I don't do what she says, if I decide just to forgive without beating, then we are in trouble. Because then I am not just anymore and then I can't be God anymore or then I am a sinner. " Can you see how that brings God into slavery?

One of my FB friends wrote me and said: "Bertie, what you preach against I have never heard preached like that in all my life!" No, it has never been preached like that and nobody would be as foolish to preach it that way but that's what the subconscious mind concludes. Remember the subconscious mind is not conscious. You cannot think of it. You just find that when you need to believe or trust, you can't. You just find the fruit of the flesh in your life and you don't know why but it comes out of these wrong beliefs that are in the heart. That's why we need to attend to the Word of the Lord, and what we have done is we have built a doctrine on the foundation of this Law System, this Law Based System of right and wrong laws whereby God walked according to that Law. And now we define God as good based on this Law which says the following: God needs to spank somebody. God needs to spank Adam for being a naughty boy and He is now so good! Because he is just and He is God, He is not going to go away from His Law, so what He will do is, He will take One of the Trinity and start to spank Him now to fulfill justice which is obedience to this Law, and look how good God is! Now we see the goodness of God in that.

I remember when I thought that God was going to give people a spanking and then Jesus, (I don't know what I believed about Jesus) but Jesus took the punishment for my sin and then the Father punished Jesus on my behalf. He took the beating for me, that I do believe. But then I also somehow thought that some of the laws got through. And now I understand why because I believe that God lived on the foundation of this Law and He is just so if He came and took my punishment and I've sinned after this, do you know what it means? It means that He is married to Sister Law and He's a just God and what is going to happen? He is going to beat me again.... and this time with hell if I commit another sin.

Then I heard the message of Grace which was, you know God has beaten Jesus for all your sins, past, present, and future. Then I felt this release because at least I am now free from thinking that I am going to be judged by God in the last time in the sense of He is going to beat me for every sin. He's not sin conscious. Why is He not sin conscience? Because He has beaten Jesus so hard that he was supposed to beat me to death but then He beat Jesus to death so now the justice of God is satisfied. But where did that leave my heart? It leaves my heart with believing in a God that cannot forgive unless He punishes. That's what it leaves me with. It leaves me in the same place of doubt and unbelief as it would be towards a neighbor that has such a strict rule in his house that says, "If somebody disobeyed me, he'll have to be beaten and if I love him too much to beat him, I will beat the innocent one and once he is beaten then my son is forgiven." Would you let a guy like that babysit your children? Come on, Church!

We are talking about the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ here. If somebody comes to me and tells me that Helena has murdered someone, do you think I am just going to leave it right there? If somebody starts to spread a story of Helena murdered her own son who was actually not guilty because the other son was guilty and she is such a just person who sticks to the laws of the house and if you have disobeyed, she will beat you and she is actually now killed the one son who did something so bad that she had to kill him but she loves him and the other son says, "Just kill me." So she killed that son. If a story like that is spread by Helena, do you know what I would do? There is one of two things. I would either just leave it because I know that it is just rubbish but if I see that story is harming people, I'll do everything in my power to prove her innocence in front of all the people because that's a lie. That is a lie. Now, we will not dare say something like that about our neighbor but we will go and declare from pulpits that God has murdered Jesus because He actually wanted to beat us. Let us just use the word, murder, punish with death. Because Adam sinned, Adam and all these people after him, the children's children, the children's children, until who knows when, God, because He is a just God, will punish all of them with death. He's going to kill them all. That's the punishment for Adam sinning.

Maybe some people have already switched this off but we have to deal with what we believe. We have to investigate what we believe. You might say, "Bertie, the Bible says that the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed." What is that chastisement?

Hebrews 12:7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father chastens not?

:8 But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, (Who are the partakers of chastisement? ALL), then are you bastards, and not sons. So all are partakers of this chastisement.

Let's look at the Greek word for **chastening** (Greek word 3809) in the Greek Old Testament it is translated as the word, **discipline**, but it is the very same word (3809).

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded because of our sins, and He was made infirm on account of our lawless deeds,. The discipline (3809) (or chastisement was there for what reason? So that we could have peace) for our peace.

What is peace? a state of national tranquility; exemption from the rage and havoc of war/
peace between individuals, harmony of the Messiah's peace/

Then I want to go to another verse:

Hebrews 12:5

We will explain that now. What is happening here? This is what is happening: There had to be a chastisement that would bring us peace. What would bring us peace or harmony between God and us? The only thing that can bring us harmony between God and us is if the man who is not in harmony with God, which was Adam. He was not in harmony with God because he was following a different belief system. Adam followed the belief system of the knowledge of good and evil which is defined as: I behold the good in God. I behold the good that God gave to me and now my identity and my divinity is in doing good and the good that I find is in my life. So, I'm going to be like the Divine One and I will create life by finding my belief upon the knowledge of good and evil.

If you are a first time visitor here, just say that Adam wanted to live by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That is simple. God didn't live by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He has life in Him! So, now they are not in harmony. The way God brings life forth and what God intended for man in the beginning and what man now wants to do is not in harmony with the original plan. **We've been made to be the recipients of life, and not the creators of life.** We don't behold the love in the Trinity and love like God and when we love like God and do like God, then we will have the life of God. No! That is called Law or ministration of death or the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It shall always destroy and kill you.

But, when we are the recipients of this love, we are in harmony with how God works and what God wanted to give to us. There isn't time to explain all of that.

Now, when there was no harmony, what had to happen for man to have harmony? It's very simple. This Belief System, this thing Adam brought forth, this marriage between man and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, this poison that entered man, that union or a marriage, Romans 7 says it is with death through the Law System had to be ended and the way it should end is the husband that we were married to which is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that whole system, that marriage has to end. So, something had to happen so that we can have a new belief, that we can have the truth according to the original plan as something real and true in our life in order for us to have peace. A Gospel had to come forth in order for us to have peace. It's called the Gospel of Peace. Amen!

So, the chastisement or the suffering, that was needed, if you want to use the word chastisement as the word suffering, which I don't see it translated that way. We didn't see suffering there at all

This is the definition of the word for chastisement:

1. the whole **training and education** of children (which relates to the **cultivation of mind and morals**, and employs for this purpose now commands and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment). So here it talks about a punishment towards a child. But are we children or are we grownups? This punishment that it talks about here talks about a training up and a cultivation of the mind and morals. So it actually talks about this chastisement, it talks about something that can even be painful. It's talking about a punishment in that case.. But it actually talks about the cultivation of the mind. Now, let's go to adults because we are adults.

2. Whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, especially by correcting mistakes and wrong passions.
3. Instructions which aims at increasing virtue

So when we look at the admonition or the chastisement it talks about correcting your belief or your way of thinking that it can bring virtue or life to you. Now, the chastisement, that which was needed to bring correction, another good word for chastisement is correction, The correction that had to come in order for us to have peace was laid upon Jesus. How would that correction look? This is how the correction would be: there had to be an end in our marriage with the Law man. That had to end. Never does it say, "God had to beat!" It says that the correction that had to come our way was laid upon Him. I want to explain that correction, the pain that Jesus went through. **IT WAS NOT THE FATHER BEATING HIM!** We will read a verse that explicitly says that but let's just stick with this.

(Bertie showed a picture of Nelson Mendela and F.W. De Klerk. F.W. De Klerk was the President of South Africa, the President just before Nelson Mendela.) Years ago there was a system implemented in South Africa called Apartheid. The whole world knows about the Apartheid System. This System was implemented by certain people and it was given to us. We inherited it. In my life we didn't implement it, my father didn't, my grandfather didn't, long ago other people did it. When they did that we inherited their iniquity. Their iniquity came to us. We grew up in a place where most White people, and I can't say what the Blacks believed, because I haven't fellowshipped with them. I could find out if you guys want to know, but we believed that all people aren't equal. We believed that the Blacks and Whites shouldn't mix. We believed that the Blacks should have their place where they live and then the Whites should have their place where they live. We had a rule, a law that said that a Black guy is not supposed to be in a White area, the other way around, after a certain time at night. We had a law that said that a Black guy and a White woman can not marry each other or vice versa. It was against the Law. You couldn't do it. You could go to jail for it. And in that Law system, what happened? It brought forth death. Many people died on account of that System. There was not democracy. There was Apartheid. What did Apartheid bring forth? Riots, bitterness, hatred... that was the fruit of that Law. All those things were brought forth.

And then two men came who were born under that Law. They were called Nelson Mendela and F. W. Klerk. Both of them got the Nobel Peace Prize for what happened during the ending of Apartheid. It wasn't just Nelson Mendela. We don't know about the other guy but I want to bring in both of them here so you could see how this thing works and how the suffering works. They were born under this Law, but as they were born under this Law, what did they want to do? They wanted to correct the belief of man. They wanted to bring correction and that correction might be painful for the one who is corrected especially because he believes something that is wrong. He has believed it for many years because he was born into it. So, now these guys who were born under the Law and what were they carrying upon their shoulders? They were carrying the weight of Apartheid upon them... a Black guy and a White guy and the Black guy suffered the Apartheid System. He came and said, "No, I don't believe in this System. I want to end this System. Then the punishment, or let me put it this way, the suffering of the wickedness of this System was seen upon him. Neither Nelson Mendela nor F. W. Klerk was loved by, if we just say, the White people. F. W. De Klerk wasn't loved by the Black people. He wasn't loved by a lot of the White people. Nelson Mendela wasn't loved by a lot of the Black people and he wasn't loved by a lot of the White people. In their effort to bring forth change, what happened? They were hated!

I can remember people saying about F. W. DeKlerk that he just wants to sell out our whole country to the Blacks. He's just a bad guy. Nelson Mendela, because he was the head of a certain army that went

underground, and were bombing people and doing terrorism. It is so. Go and read it in an encyclopedia. That is what happened. He was seen as a terrorist and a hater of people and hating life. He was seen as the enemy, a Communist. That's what he was seen as. He was hated. The people that hated them thought that these people are cursed of God. Cursed of God! This F. W. DeKlerk was a sin on our country. He was cursed. God is against him. He also feared for his life because his party would bring an end to the Apartheid System and allow because for the Whites to have the referendum to decide if they were going to allow the Blacks to have voting rights or else they were going into civil war.

I just gave you a little political history and this is what I want to say: This suffering, the chastisement, that we could have peace was upon those two men and then obviously others as well but I just want to use them because they represent those different parties.

The chastisement or the correction of our belief, where I can believe all people are equal, where I can believe that all people have the same right to vote, where I can believe the truth, the chastisement or the change of my mind rested on them. We saw them as plagued by God, yet if they were plagued by God the pain and the suffering they were going through was on account of the evil of the Apartheid System because if the evil of the Apartheid System wasn't there, they wouldn't have suffered.

So what bruised them? That System that they were ending. That bruised them! That bruised them but although they were bruised by that System, they ended the System and bruised the System forever more. Now we have democracy. I hope you understand what I was trying to say there.

Now we can go to the Scriptures and I can conclude my message.

Isaiah 53 But He was wounded because of our sins, and He was made infirm (or our infirmities was upon Him) **on account of our i lawless deeds.** (So we were lawless and because of our lawlessness that's why He suffered... not because the Father beat Him, It's because the Apartheid System that came in through Adam and we were the sons of Adam and that's why He was suffering like that and because of our inability to do that, that is why He took that suffering.) **The discipline** (or the correction or the chastisement) **for our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we were healed.** (I don't have time to talk about that now.)

Hebrews 12:5 And you have forgotten (this is very important!) **the exhortation** (that Greek word 3874 is a paraklesis where we get paraclete from which means comforter or the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also called the Comforter.) **You have forgotten the exhortation** (or the comfort) **which speaks unto you as unto children, My son, despise not you the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of Him.** What does that mean? He says, "Listen people, He was talking o the Hebrew people and not just to Jews. Paul is not talking to just Jews that became Christians and then because of persecution they went back to Judaism, and now they were fainting at the chastisement of the Lord.

What was the chastisement of the Lord? The chastisement of the Lord comes in two parts. 1. like in Nelson Mendela and F.W. De Klerk. What did these two Noble Peace Prize winners do? This is what they did: They came and through a lot of suffering and pain and ridicule on account of an evil system that was there, they came and corrected and ended that system and brought a new law which was in line with what is a good way of thinking, which was democracy. So they chastised, the chastisement, the correction, that could bring peace to South Africa was upon them and they corrected it by ending that old system. Now we can go and correct people. Now we can preach a message where in the individual's mind can now be corrected and tell them, "Listen, we don't live under the Apartheid anymore. We are

now living under democracy.” Now the individual that hears this might say, “Hallelujah!” and then start to say, “Democracy! Democracy! We are a democracy!” But if there are a lot of people that don't want to believe that and they start to persecute you then you may say, “I'm suffering, man! Let me rather go back to what I used to believe.” And this is what is happening in Hebrews. That is the setting of Hebrews there.

What is the Hebrew writer saying? He is saying, “Guys, your minds were chastised, you were chastised with the chastisement of the Lord. You were comforted with the chastisement of the Lord. You were comforted with the correction that God brought. The correction was He wants you to be in harmony with Him so He changed the platform from where you live. You don't live by Law anymore. You are now living by His life as your life. And you guys want to go back to it now and I'm coming to correct you again with the chastisement that the Lord brought and don't faint at this chastisement.”

What was the chastisement? This is the chastisement of the Lord which was very painful. He couldn't bring this forth without a lot of effort and pain. This is the chastisement: He had to incarnate Himself into sinful flesh. He had to become a man born under the Law like Nelson Mandela and F. W. De Klerk. They were born under the Law. Then He was bearing the iniquity of us, of Adam, which was in that body which is a System of death which will bring forth death and He carried my sinful belief, that sin that came in us on account of Adam. He carried that. He represented the whole Law System. And do you know what He did? He died! It was unto death and He resisted sin which means to believe in Works' Righteousness, even until He died. And when He died, that Adamic body died and He was raised up now as a man glorified by the Spirit of God and now that is the new truth of all of us. We are not in slavery anymore. We are now the free. That is how He chastised the belief of man and the only way in which that chastisement could come was through death. The only way our belief could be corrected, that we are now to believe and be in harmony with the original plan, is that a man had to die. A man had to go and be seated at the right hand of the Father and if He could be seated there then we can now believe as we ought to believe and say, “God gives man life therefore God promised me life and I will have life. That's it! You will have to rewind this and listen to the whole message again. It will just bless you.

You might say, “But, Bertie, He was bruised for me.” Let us read **Isaiah 53**. It's very important to read the scriptures.

: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; (So here was Jesus. He was going through a very rough time. He was despised. He was rejected. He was a man full of sorrows. He was acquainted with griefs.) **He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.** (Why was He looking like that? Because He was bearing our griefs. Because the System by which we live, the System that kills us, was on Him, He became sin!

Look at the picture of the bronze snake on a cross. We always only have the picture of Jesus hanging on the cross. But the serpent on the cross is the true picture. It is the spiritual picture because Jesus became sin. The Bible says the handwriting of ordinances that was against us was nailed to the cross. Look at the picture of a bronze serpent... bronze speaks of suffering and that is the snake. The picture of Jesus on the cross is the picture of the snake on the cross and in that the venom of Satan was crushed. We will read more into that, we will extrapolate more from that.

:4 Surely He hath (why did He look like this because He was bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows) **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet** (and this is a problem that I find and people

see this verse and they don't want to listen but those who listen find life) **yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: (What was the transgression? TO BELIEVE IN THE LAW SYSTEM! What was the iniquity? The iniquity talks about the violence that is there on account of Satan's System. The correction that had to come so that we can have peace. The ending of the Old Testament was upon Him. That is why He was in that state. He had to end this Snake System! Why was Nelson Mandela in jail? Why was he persecuted? Why was he there? Was he beaten by God? No! He was experiencing and carrying in him ending the System, the infliction, the death of the Apartheid System was carried upon him and he ended it all. F.W. De Klerk ended it all. And the two of them together brought forth a brand new System and they brought the correction that can bring peace. The correction involved a lot of suffering and persecution and politics. The same with Jesus. Why did Jesus suffer? Because the wages of sin is death. He became sin and the wages of sin is not God killing you! Sin doesn't need God's helping hand to bring forth death. Sin was killing man and then God said, "Let Me incarnate myself into this System and die this System away."

Imagine God said, "Well, I will set people free from Apartheid but I'm not going to set anybody free from Apartheid until I've beaten somebody." That would be a crazy god! When we hear this and we allow this truth to settle in our heart, we can then go to the Communion and we can say, "When we look at a picture of the snake upon the cross, let that picture sink in a bit. Remember Numbers 21 the snake was upon the cross but the snake bit the people and the venom of the snake was in the people but then the snake, the source of all that venom, was then put upon the cross. That venom was put upon the cross, and when that venom was put upon the cross, meaning when you see the venom dead... when you see, and how did God bring forth that death? He incarnated Himself into the System of Death and then allowed death to come to One who represented mankind. A very clever God! **And when He hanged there, what happened? That body of sin, the Venom System, that which was bringing forth death in me, died... and was broken!**

Take the bread, we are having Communion, friends. See it! See it broken. Look at it! We are celebrating the death! But, Bertie, the Bible says that it pleased the Father to bruise Him.

Isaiah 53: 9 and 10

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

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; (Here we see Jesus, you know, it pleased the Lord to bruise Him) **He hath put him to grief: when you shall make his soul an offering for sin,** (So what is he saying here? And then it says,) **he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.** (What is the pleasure of the Lord? The pleasure of the Lord is your peace and now it says that it pleased the Lord to bruise him. When he bruised Jesus, who was bruised? Let me quote a verse about bruising. The Bible says, "**I'll bring enmity between your seed and her seed. You will bruise his heel but He will bruise your head.**" So when Jesus was on the earth, what did Satan do? He bruised Jesus. How did he bruise Him? By that System of Death actually coming to Jesus. But when that bruising came, the bruising of the heel, when God saw that bruising and that death that comes to that System, what was actually bruised there? **THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT!** (Let's look at the picture of the serpent on the cross. Can you see beautiful if we say , it pleased the Father to bruise him? This is not a judicial System where the Father was so ticked off with Adam that He is a God of justice that He needs to punish. It pleased the Father to have Jesus become sin and then

going through all that needs to go through to bring forth the brand new System that correction of belief, the correction of System so that we could have life. That's what it's all about! Glory to God!

Let's take the bread. Father, we thank You for the bread of Jesus, the body of Jesus that was broken for us. We thank You, Lord, as this was broken, everything that produces sin in me was broken. All bitterness and hatred in me is broken. The power that brings forth hatred, the power that brings forth jealousy, the power that brings forth fear was broken forever more. The belief System... I thank You for Your chastisement. I thank You, Father, for the correction of the new System, that You took upon You and You suffered through and even unto death. You resisted sin and You became sin for us. And when You died, we can see that this is a declaration of a done deal. Glory, glory, glory!

Father, we want to thank You for the blood. We want to thank You for the new life! The old life that flowed out and now the resurrection and the covenant, the start of the new covenant. No covenant was started without blood and we see the blood. We see the end of the Old, therefore we can have a new covenant with You for we are not under the Law. Oh, hallelujah! We celebrate, Father!

If you have never received Jesus, I want to pray with you right now to receive the Lord. Let's pray together. Pray this prayer with me:

Lord, Jesus Christ, thank You that You took the chastisement of our belief upon You and You came to give us life. I believe that You became sin. I believe that You took my sin away but more than that, You took that which kills me, away and I don't have to have life by my works. I can see You high and lifted upon the cross and as You are lifted up, I see the death of that which was killing me there and I acknowledge that my life can be born from the revelation of the Law man broken forevermore. Thank You, Father! Thank You, Jesus!

I receive You, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior and the resurrection that You have received, through the Holy Spirit, I receive the Holy Spirit right now. Now, Holy Spirit, resurrect my life into the fruit of the Spirit because I don't live by the Snake's power anymore. I am free! I've died with You, Lord! The old Adam is done. You undid Adam, Jesus. Thank You, Father! Thank You, Jesus! Amen and amen!

Thank you, guys, for just who you are. Let us have our Communion together and I'm not going to talk after the song I am going to play now. Just listen to this very beautiful song and we are going to sing this very same song about the amazing grace and let us rejoice!

I want to just thank everybody that gives toward our ministry. The fact that you give towards us, and I'm not asking for money, I'm thanking. The fact that you give towards this ministry makes it possible for me to preach this message. This week I could spend a nice fifteen hours of study in this, just on studying this to bring you this. Thank you! My life is enriched by you giving towards me so I don't have to work a normal job and spend eight to ten hours a day on normal work. But I can spend time in the Scripture and what an honor for me to have that benefit as you give towards me. Therefore I want to give back and I want to say, 'Now you can benefit from what I've learned in all those studies and all those hours. It's not the study that brings it forth. It's that fellowship in the Trinity because I can study forever and come out with a conclusion of death, if I am not in the right circle.

Let us have this Communion together. (Song, *This is Amazing Grace* by Phil Wickham)

