

PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING

Redemptive Peace

I. John 14:27-When Jesus said my peace I give unto you it's redemptive language

- A. Galatians 3:13-14-Redemptive language has Jesus redeeming us from something by bearing it FOR US and then giving something of His TO US
1. Jesus redeemed us from the curse by being made a curse FOR US so that the blessing of Abraham could come on us
 - a. He wanted the blessing to come on us so He redeemed us from the curse by being made a curse for us
 - b. I'm going to redeem you by bearing what is on you and then I'm going to give you what's mine
 2. He became sin, we became righteous-2 Corinthians 5:21; He became poor, we became rich-2 Corinthians 8:9; He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses and by his stripes we are healed-Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24
- B. Jesus was our substitute – I'm going to stand in your place and bear something I don't want you to bear
1. *Romans 5:6-AMP-While we were still helpless [powerless to provide for our salvation], at the right time Christ died [as a substitute] for the ungodly; AMPC-Christ died in behalf of the ungodly*
 2. *1 Corinthians 2:2 AMP-For I determined to know nothing but Christ and Him crucified (the meaning of His redemptive, substitutionary death)*
 3. **Story:** A little boy had a sister who needed a blood transfusion. The doctor explained that she had the same disease the boy had recovered from two years earlier. Her only chance for recovery was a transfusion from someone who had previously conquered the disease. Since the two children had the same rare blood type, the boy was the ideal donor. "Would you give your blood to Mary?" the doctor asked. Johnny hesitated. His lower lip started to tremble. Then he smiled and said, "Sure, for my sister." Soon the two children were wheeled into the hospital room--Mary, pale and thin; Johnny, robust and healthy. Neither spoke, but when their eyes met, Johnny grinned. As the nurse inserted the needle into his arm, Johnny's smile faded. He watched the blood flow through the tube. With the ordeal almost over, his voice, slightly shaky, broke the silence. "Doctor, when do I die?" Only then did the doctor realize why Johnny had hesitated, why his lip had trembled when he'd agreed to donate his blood. He's thought giving his blood to his sister meant giving up his life. In that brief moment, he'd made his great decision.
 4. **Story:** The small boy had been consistently late for dinner. One particular day his parents had warned him to be on time, but he arrived later than ever. He found his parents already seated at the table, about to start eating. Quickly he sat at his place, then noticed what was set before him--a slice of bread and a glass of water. There was silence as he sat staring at his plate, crushed. Suddenly he

saw his father's hand reach over, pick up his plate and set it before himself. Then his dad put his own full plate in front of his son, smiling warmly as he made the exchange. When the boy became a man, he said, "All my life I've known what God was like by what my father did that night."

- C. Jesus is redeeming us from torment (the mental anguish and torment of this beating) by bearing our torment and giving us His peace
 - 1. Why did he take our sin? So we could be righteous – Why did he take our sickness? So we could be healed – Why was the beating of our peace on him? So that we could have the peace that passes understanding
 - 2. *John 14:27-AMP-My perfect peace I give to you; AMPC-My own peace I now give and bequeath to you*

II. My peace is in His pain-(Chastisement-Pain inflicted for punishment)-Isaiah 53:5

- A. Everything that happened to Jesus, happened for a specific reason, nothing happened by accident, everything was for a purpose
 - 1. 1 Peter 2:24-He bore our sins on the cross – Why wasn't it enough that he just be crucified?
 - a. **Crucifixion**-An ancient instrument of capital punishment: the method of slow and painful execution in which the victim is tied or nailed to a large wooden beam and left to hang for several days until eventual death from exhaustion
 - 2. Jesus wasn't just crucified, he was scourged (whip, punish)-John 19:1, Matthew 27:26
- B. Isaiah 53:5-Our healing is in his stripes, our peace was in his pain
 - 1. My healing was in his stripes – His body was broken so mine wouldn't have to be – That's why my healing is in his stripes
 - 2. My peace was in his pain – He was beaten (which brought much mental anguish) so that I could have peace– That's why my peace was in his pain
 - a. The punishment for our peace was upon him-(**TLB**-He was beaten that we might have peace; **GW**-He was punished so we could have peace)
 - b. Chastisement of my peace-Pain was involved in obtaining peace for me
- C. SEE SCOURAGING NOTE
 - 1. The victim was stripped *completely* naked so his entire flesh would be open to the beating action of the whip --- Bound to a two-foot-high scourging post and his hands were tied over his head to a metal ring, and his wrists were shackled to the ring to restrain his body from movement so that he couldn't try to avoid or dodge the lashes that were being laid across his back --- Romans were professionals at scourging; they took special delight in the fact that they were the "best" at punishing a victim with this brutal act --- Once the victim was harnessed to the post and stretched over it, the Roman soldier began to put him through unimaginable torture-The anticipation of the first blow caused the victim's body to grow rigid, the muscles to knot in his stomach, the color to

drain from his cheeks, his lips to draw tight against his teeth as he waited for the first sadistic blow that would begin the tearing open of his body --- The scourge was a short, wooden handle with several 18-24-inch-long straps of leather; The ends of leather had sharp, rugged pieces of metal, wire, glass, and jagged fragments of bone; One of the most feared and deadly weapons of the Roman world; The mere threat of scourging could calm a crowd or bend the will of the strongest rebel. Not even the most hardened criminal wanted to be submitted to the vicious beating of a Roman scourge --- Most often, two torturers were utilized to carry out this punishment, simultaneously lashing the victim from both sides. Each piece of metal, wire, bone, or glass cut deeply through the victim's skin and into his flesh, shredding his muscles and sinews over his entire back; Those straps of leather curled tortuously around his torso, biting painfully and deeply into the skin of his abdomen and upper chest. As each stroke lacerated the sufferer, he tried to thrash about but was unable to move because his wrists were held so firmly to the metal ring above his head. Helpless to escape the whip, he would scream for mercy that this anguish might come to an end. --- Every time the torturers struck a victim, the straps of leather attached to the wooden handle would cause multiple lashes as the pieces of metal, glass, wire, and bone sank into the flesh and then raked across the victim's body. Then the torturer would jerk back, pulling hard in order to tear whole pieces of human flesh from the body. The victim's back, buttocks, back of the legs, stomach, upper chest, and face would be disfigured by the slashing blows of the whip. Historical records describe a victim's back as being so mutilated after a Roman scourging that his spine would actually be exposed. Others recorded how the bowels of a victim would actually spill out through the open wounds created by the whip. With so many blood vessels sliced open by the whip, the victim would begin to experience a profuse loss of blood and bodily fluids. The heart would pump harder and harder, struggling to get blood to the parts of the body that were profusely bleeding. But it was like pumping water through an open water hydrant; there was nothing left to stop the blood from pouring through the victim's open wounds. This loss of blood caused the victim's blood pressure to drop drastically. Because of the massive loss of bodily fluids, he would experience excruciating thirst, often fainting from the pain and eventually going into shock. Frequently the victim's heartbeat would become so irregular that he would go into cardiac arrest. --- *This was a Roman scourging.* According to Jewish law in Deuteronomy 25:3, the Jews were permitted to give 40 lashes to a victim, but because the 40th lash usually proved fatal, the number of lashes given was reduced to thirty-nine, as Paul noted in 2 Corinthians 11:24. But the Romans had no limit to the number of lashes they could give a victim, and the scourging Jesus experienced was at the hands of Romans, not Jews. Therefore, it is entirely possible that when the torturer pulled out his scourge to beat Jesus, he may have laid more than forty lashes across His body. In fact, this is even probable in light of the explosive outrage the Jews felt for Jesus and the terrible mocking He had already suffered at the

hands of Roman soldiers. What toll did it take on Jesus' body? Isaiah 52:14 says, "As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." If we take this scripture literally for what it says, we can conclude that Jesus' physical body was marred nearly beyond recognition.

2. Why would Jesus go through that? It wasn't just for my sin or my healing – His pain was for my peace
 - a. Somebody said how could I ever repay him? You can't repay him, but you can honor what he did by receiving it and walking in it
 - b. **Story:** *A married couple was in a terrible accident where the woman's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from her body because she was too skinny. So the husband offered to donate some of his own skin. However, the only skin on his body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from his buttocks. The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and requested that the doctor also honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter. After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the woman's new beauty. She looked more beautiful than she ever had before! All her friends and relatives just went on and on about her youthful beauty! One day, she was alone with her husband, and she was overcome with emotion at his sacrifice. She said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. There is no way I could ever repay you." "My darling," he replied, "think nothing of it. I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."*
3. If Jesus hadn't born your mental anguish and mental pain you would have had to

III. Isaiah 53-It was not just physical anguish and pain that Jesus bore; There was much mental anguish that Jesus bore

- A. Jesus bore our torment and trouble on the inside
 1. *3-Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief*-**Sorrows**-physical and mental pain; **Grief**-sickness, disease, to be weak, sick, diseased, grieved, sorry
 2. *3-He has borne our griefs*-**Borne**-carry; **Griefs**-sickness, disease, weakness, grief, sorrow
 3. *3-He has carried our sorrows*-**Carried**-to bear, bear a load **Sorrows**-physical and mental pain, be sorrowful, sad
 4. *5-He was wounded for our transgressions*-**Wounded**-(From same root word griefs in V3,4)-Profaned, defiled, polluted, desecrated, made common, dishonored, pierced, to be weak, sick, diseased, grieved, sorry; **Transgressions**-rebellion, sin, trespass
 5. *5-He was bruised for our iniquities* **Bruised**-Crush, broken, oppressed, bruised contrite-deeply affected with grief and sorrow, bruise, brokenhearted, deep sorrow for sin; **Iniquities**-perversity, guilt, punishment of iniquity, fault, twist, do wrong

6. 7-He was oppressed-**Oppressed**-press, distressed, to load or burden, to treat with unjust severity, rigor, hardship; Lie heavy upon; Depression, misery
 7. 7-He was afflicted-**Afflicted**-Oppress, depressed, downcast
 8. 10-It pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief-**Bruise**-Crush, broken, oppressed, bruised contrite-deeply affected with grief and sorrow, bruise, brokenhearted, deep sorrow for sin; **Grief**-sickness, disease, to be weak, sick, diseased, grieved, sorry
- B. I think we can get fixated on what happened to his body and totally miss what happened to his soul
1. **10-He made his soul and offering for sin-Soul**-Mind, desire, emotion, seat of emotions and passions, the will, the inner being of man
 - a. It wasn't just his body that bore it, it was his soul that bore it
 2. 11-He shall see the travail of his soul-**Travail**-trouble, toil, sorrow, grievousness, miserable, pain
 - a. God was looking at the punishment, the suffering, the pain of his soul to know when justice has been satisfied
 3. 12-He has poured out his soul unto death – Soul is NOT just referring to his body
 - a. He didn't just die in his body – He died for us inside
- C. Isaiah 53:4-They saw his suffering and thought God was doing it TO HIM but in reality Jesus was doing it FOR US; OUR griefs, OUR sorrows, OUR transgressions, OUR iniquities, OUR chastisement
1. Matthew 27:46-Jesus is troubled and vexed and something is pressing Him because he's experiencing pressure, oppression and anxiety and the chastisement of our peace was upon him – This is not to say that he got out of faith because his last words were faith words (into your hands I commit my spirit) but he doesn't have peace because he's taking our torment and giving us his peace

IV. We have been redeemed from the troubled life

- A. They put a crown of thorns upon his head and the thorns are cares and represent torment-Matthew 27:29
1. Luke 8:7,14, Mark 4:19-Thorns are likened to the cares (anxiety) of this world
 - a. 2 Samuel 23:6-But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with the hands – Thorns like cares are to be thrust away and not taken with the hands – If you try to take the thorns or cares with your hands you get poked/tormented-1 Peter 5:7
 2. Numbers 33:55-Thorns are things that **vex** you (distress, harass, press hard upon)
 - a. **Thorns**-Point – It's something that pokes you, that torments you
 - b. 2 Corinthians 12:7-Apparently he wasn't glorying (joy, rejoicing) in his infirmities before – He was being tormented and had no joy; He wasn't taking pleasure in them, but rather he was being tormented and troubled by them

- 1) **Buffet**-Strike with the fist, maltreat, punish, chastise; **Thorn**-Pointed piece of wood, splinter
- c. *Isaiah 32:13-Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city – Why reference thorns and joy in the same verse? Because thorns represent this tormenting, troubling, sorrow – They were joyous, but now it's thorns*
- 1) *TLB-For your lands will thrive with thorns and briers; your joyous homes and happy cities will be gone.*
- d. Genesis 3:17-18-Sorrow (pain, grieved, vexed, displease, wrest, torture) is connected to thorns
- e. Ezekiel 28:24-Grieving thorn (Sorrowful, pain physical and mental, make sad)
- f. Jeremiah 4:3-Sow not among thorns – Many are trying to sow the word while they yield to the torment and trouble and it doesn't work like that
3. Matthew 27:29-And they platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head; Jesus had thorns on his head showing you I'm bearing this hard torment and trouble for you so that you can live a life of peace
- B. Galatians 3:13-14, Deuteronomy 28:65-67-Jesus became a curse for us and part of the curse is mental anguish and torment
1. Deuteronomy 28:65-67-**Ease**-Rest, quiet; **Rest**-Settle down, be quiet; **Trembling**-Quivering, quaking, agitated, perturbed, disquieted, disturb;
 2. Jesus knew what it was like to experience hopelessness and desperation and it came on him in full force – Why is he letting this happen to him? It was for you and me so that I never have to go day and night tormented and vexed, I never have to go 30 minutes in desperation and fear because he took that for me and gave me his peace
- C. You got to develop then a resistance, a doggedness, and intolerance for living this pressured and troubled life
1. What you're willing to tolerate you'll have, what you're willing to put up with you'll have
 2. The punishment for MY peace was upon Him – I stand for my peace, the way I would for my healing
 3. **Say this:** *My down days are over. My sad days are over. My worried days are over. The price has been paid. Torment and trouble Jesus has borne for me, and I have His Peace. Because I have His peace I never ever Have to be troubled about anything every! I have joy! I have His peace! I have victory over fear! I have victory over depression! I have victory over anxiety! Jesus gave me the victory! I have joy!*