

# Every Human Being Has Committed At Least One Murder!

There is a strange conspiracy of silence in religious circles about human responsibility for sin, the reality of judgement and an outraged Creator God and the necessity for a crucified Saviour.

There is also a movement designed to give people peace of mind in relieving them of any historical responsibility for the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Such tolerance is a basic misconception of Christian theology.

We can blame Judas, accusing him of selling Christ for money.

We can blame the weak-willed Pilate, who did **not** have the courage to stand up for the man whom he declared had done **no** wrong.

We can blame the Jews who delivered Jesus Christ to be crucified.

We can blame the Romans for the actual crucifixion.

All of the above were certainly guilty but they were our accomplices in the crime.

**All the human generated evil in the world put Jesus Christ on the cross.**

The hatred, the suspicion, the jealousy, the lies spoken, all carnality and fleshly love of pleasure, all these in the natural human, joined in putting Jesus Christ on the cross.

We may as well admit: Every one of us had a share in the murder of Jesus Christ, for all of us at one time have been guilty of these human sins against God.

**Yet we all are reluctant to experience the mental pain and shame of confessing our being a murderer.**

It seems characteristic of the natural human being to keep themselves so busy with unimportant trifles, that we are able to avoid the settling of the most important matters relating to our life now and future existence.

There seems to be an unwritten rule in society that if any religious subjects are discussed, it must be within the framework of theory, **never** must it get personal!

Yet there is only one thing that is of vital and lasting importance.

**Isaiah 53:3-5** [King James] *“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. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.”*

There are two very strong and terrible words in this prophetic scripture referring to the death of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Transgressions, the Hebrew word *“pasha”* meaning to break away, a revolt from just authority.

In all the moral universe only humans and the fallen angels following Satan have rebelled and violated the authority of their Creator God, both are still in flagrant rebellion against that authority.

The word iniquity, Hebrew “*âvôn*” means perversity, the turning away from the truth in a pure mischievous, harmful way.

Notice the prophet says “*our*” iniquity, we cannot escape from this condemnation.

**It is impossible to escape the personal guilt and seek to place our moral responsibilities upon someone else.**

Our sinful nature full of perverse rebellion caused our Saviour to be wounded and bruised, and this was before He died in agony on the Roman cross.

What we are saying in these two words is that Jesus Christ, the very Son of God, was profaned and broken, stained with His own blood, humiliated, had His beard plucked out and defiled with earth’s grime.

**Psalms 22:12-18** [NIV] “*Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.*”

The prophetic description of the wounding and bruising of our Saviour.

**Isaiah 53:4** [NIV] “*Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.*”

Israel’s greatest blunder was her judgement of this wounded One, that He was being punished for His own sins.

“*The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.*” How few there are who realise it is this peace which restores us to God the Father is the result of what was done to Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ was beaten and scourged in full view of the jeering public, His body bruised, bleeding and swollen until He was unrecognised as a human being.

**Isaiah 52:13-14** [NIV] “*See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him, his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness,*”

**I do not suppose there is any more humiliating punishment ever devised by humans than that of scourging a naked grown man in public view.**

“*With his stripes we are healed.*” In the original Hebrew language this is **not** a pleasant description. It means the person was beaten until the whole body is black and blue as one great bruise.

Human society has always insisted on punishment for wrongdoing, it is a kind of revenge, society taking vengeance against a person who dared flout the rules.

But the suffering of Jesus Christ was **not** punitive, it was **not** for Himself, **not** a punishment for anything He had done.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** [King James] “*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*”

Jesus Christ never sinned at any time in His human life. [**Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21-24; 1 John 3:5**]

**The suffering of Jesus Christ was corrective. He was willing to suffer in order that He might correct our nature and perfect us.**

**Jesus Christ's suffering ended in healing.**

The Hebrew word translated "healed" is "raphah" meaning to mend, repair or make whole.

**This is the glory of the scourging and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.**

Our broken relationship with God the Father is mended and we are made whole in the way God designed we should be.

**James 5:14-15** [NIV] *"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven."*

**This healing extends to our physical bodies as well as our spiritual life.**

This atonement allows a repentant sinner to come to a peaceful and gracious fellowship with their Father God and Creator.

**A truly repentant person never quite gets over the remorse for the share they have in the wounding and murder of their Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

A sense of shock will come over the repentant Christian, linked with a sense of wonder that the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, was wounded and His wounds should become cleansing and forgiveness for the very person who inflicted those wounds.

This realisation will cause the believing Christian to have a deep desire and Holy longing for a pure heart and clean hands that are a delight to his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. [**Psalms 24:3-5**]

**Psalms 51:1-4, 9-11** [NIV] *"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge." ... "Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me."*

David knew that it was the loving compassion of his Lord and Saviour that created in him a pure heart and right spirit that would restore his relationship with his God.

**Every humble and devoted believer in Jesus Christ must have periods of wonder and amazement at this mystery of godliness, the willingness of the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, to take our place in judgement and punishment.**

If we are to be effective instruments in the hands of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we need to be inwardly aware of two basic facts.

We must have positive knowledge and faith that we are clean of all past sins through the wounds that Jesus Christ endured and we are restored to a peaceful relationship with God the Father through His stripes.

Also, we must keep within us a joyful and compelling sense of gratitude for the bruised and wounded One, our Lord Jesus Christ.

It may always be a mystery of how this sacrifice of Jesus Christ can be a propitiation for our sins, that He died on the cross in our place, and not only for our sins but those of all humanity.

But having accepted it in faith cherish the presence of the Living God that this sacrifice brings to us.