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By His wounds we have been healed

Sunday, October 21st, 2018

## **Announce**

### **Pastor Vacation**

- Starting Friday - Friday
- Out of the office
- Gary speaking next week
- No midweek on 31st

## **Call to worship**

### **Men's breakfast**

- Video re: power of praise - worship warfare
- Thinking about Paul and Silas - in prison, but worshipping Jesus
- **Acts 16:25-26 (ESV)** *(25) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, (26) and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.*

## **The battle**

- Enemy doesn't want you to praise
- Every family engaged in a battle/struggle
- He already fought you on whether or not to come - but you're here
- Don't let anything keep you from praising Him
- Today is a day of victory!

## Communion Sunday

- Communion - he's already opened our prison doors
- They worshipped - then the deliverance came
- We have more reason to worship - because the deliverance has already come!

## Introduction

### Communion - we look back

- This do in remembrance for me
- Part of this: reflecting on the *Body broken for you*
- Focus of my message today

### Thoughts re: healing

- My struggle with my hip
- Why don't we pray for healing?
- What do we struggle to believe about healing?

### Message today

- Work thru 1 Peter 2:21-25
- Remind you of the truth of this passage
- Make application

### Text

**1 Peter 2:21-25 (ESV)** (21) *For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. (22) He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. (23) When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (24) He himself bore our sins*

*in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (25) For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

## **Exegesis**

### **To this you have been called**

- Jumped in the middle of a paragraph
- We are called to live a righteous life - even if it mean we are not treated well by the people around us.
- See **1 Peter 2:20 (ESV)** (20) *For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.*
- Conversely, we are not to treat people bad because they treat us bad

### **Christ suffered for you**

- Communion Sunday we reflect on Christ's suffering on our behalf
- Jesus is the example of one who suffered and continued to live a righteous life

### **Jesus suffered though he was righteous**

- See **Isa 53:10 (ESV)** (10) *Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
- We are not spared suffering in this world - just because we are righteous

### **Though he suffered, he remained righteous**

- Jesus didn't turn from God because he suffered
- He didn't hate or want retaliation
- See **1 Peter 2:23 (ESV)** (23) *When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.*
- see **Luke 23:34 (ESV)** (34) *And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.*

### **Through his suffering we are righteous**

- He suffered for us - the text says
- We benefitted because of his suffering

### **He is the example of suffering and righteousness**

- v22 says He is our example
- What Jesus endured - unjustly - should be our example!

### **How?**

- End of v23 - He trusted himself to the one who judges justly
- We can trust God who keeps good books! We don't need to repay evil with evil
- **Rom 12:19 (ESV)** (19) *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*
- Also: recognize that we too will give account before the just judge! What will he say about our effort/service?

### **He himself bore our sins...**

- Jesus carried our sins to the cross
- **Slide:** Jesus died for our sin..
  - Typical communion Sunday thought
- **Slide:** Jesus died with our sin
  - The power of this verse is that He literally took upon himself our sin
  - He didn't simply die in our place. He died... in our sin
  - **Therefore:** God's justice was satisfied in that He punished our sin in Jesus Christ
  - **Consider: 2 Cor 5:21 (ESV)** (21) *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
  - God punishment was meted out on Jesus who was bearing our sin in his body!
- **Point:** There is no longer any unpunished sin!
  - Such a powerful truth! Jesus paid it all!
  - There's nothing left that hasn't been put on Christ and then condemned in Christ
- **Note:** This deals with my *I'm not worthy to be healed* argument

## That we might die to sin and live to righteousness

### Die to sin

- He died with our sin that we might die to sin!
- See the argument Paul makes in Romans 6
- We must reckon ourselves dead to sin

### Live to righteousness

- We are alive with Christ - to live not for ourselves, but for righteousness
- A couple of verses from the context:
  - See **1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)** (16) *Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*
  - See **1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)** (9) *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (10) Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*
  - See **1 Peter 2:1-2 (ESV)** (1) *So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. (2) Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--*
  - See **1 Peter 2:11-12 (ESV)** (11) *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. (12) Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*
- We have been made alive with Christ! Chosen by God to belong to Him!
- Let us do away with everything else!

## By his wounds you have been healed

- This ties back to the Messianic prophecy of the suffering servant. See **Isa 53:5 (ESV)** (5) *But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.*
- **Note:** See the tense difference....
  - Isaiah - "we are healed"

- 1st Peter - "we have been healed"
  - The *have been* looks back to the provision of Calvary. Its more of a reminder than a promise
  - The OT heroes looked forward to a **promise that was coming**, we look backward at the **provision that has come!**
- **Thought:** We are somehow able to trust in his blood, but not his stripes!
  - The miracle of healing is a tangible, outward evidence of the atonement - since regeneration is inward and at least initially intangible
  - See Jesus healing the paralyzed man **Matt 9:2-8 (ESV)** (2) *And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."* (3) *And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."* (4) *But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? (5) For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?" (6) But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he then said to the paralytic--"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."* (7) *And he rose and went home. (8) When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.*
  - **John 14:10-11 (ESV)** (10) *Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. (11) Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.*
  - See how the ministry of Jesus was accompanied by miracles
  - See how the early church went out in evangelism accompanied by healing
- **Illustrate:** When my hip hurts, telling me I've not been healed, I take this word and remind myself I have been healed!

### **For you were straying like sheep...**

- I'd never realized this before, but this ties back to the same passage. See **Isa 53:6 (ESV)** (6) *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
- We had gone astray - doing our own thing, going in rebellion against God - but the Lord has placed on Him our sins.
- Now we have returned to our shepherd!

- Jesus paid the price for our reconciliation!

## **Application: believe God for healing**

### **Jesus paid for all sin**

- sins of the whole world

### **Jesus paid for all healing**

- this is my body broken for you
- by his wounds, you have been healed

### **I have the right to ask for healing**

- Woman w/ issue of blood - pressed through
- Men carrying paralyzed friend - intercession

## **Communion**

### **Bring people forward - receive the emblems**

#### **Communion**

**1 Cor 11:23-26 (ESV)** (23) For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, (24) and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (25) In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Pray for the sick!