

## Introduction:

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- Sufficiency of Christ and Salvation
- Christ was sufficient to serve as a Substitutionary Sacrifice for us.
- Only the infinite Christ could absorb the sins of mankind

Isaiah 53:6

*6 All of us like sheep have gone astray,  
Each of us has turned to his own way;  
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all  
To fall on Him.*

Isaiah 53:11-12

*11 As a result of the anguish of His soul,  
He will see it and be satisfied;  
By His knowledge the Righteous One,  
My Servant, will justify the many,  
As He will bear their iniquities.  
12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,  
And He will divide the booty with the strong;  
Because He poured out Himself to death,  
And was numbered with the transgressors;  
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,  
And interceded for the transgressors.*

2 Corinthians 5:21

*21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*

Galatians 3:13

*13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" —*

1 Peter 2:24

*24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

Hebrews 9:28

*28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.*

- Only the infinite Christ could absorb the infinite wrath and just punishment due our sins as a Substitutionary Sacrifice for us.

Isaiah 53:4-5

*4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore,  
And our sorrows He carried;  
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,*

*Smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,  
And by His scourging we are healed.*

**Isaiah 53:8**

*8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away;  
And as for His generation, who considered  
That He was cut off out of the land of the living  
For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?*

**Isaiah 53:10-11**

*10 But the LORD was pleased  
To crush Him, putting Him to grief;  
If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,  
He will see His offspring,  
He will prolong His days,  
And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.  
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He will see it and be satisfied;  
By His knowledge the Righteous One,  
My Servant, will justify the many,  
As He will bear their iniquities.*

**Ephesians 2:15-16**

*15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,  
16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.*

**Hebrews 9:23-28**

*24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.*

- Only the infinite Christ could offer Himself up as a Substitutionary Sacrifice and die in our place

**Isaiah 53:8-9**

*8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away;  
And as for His generation, who considered  
That He was cut off out of the land of the living  
For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?  
9 His grave was assigned with wicked men,  
Yet He was with a rich man in His death,  
Because He had done no violence,*

*Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.*

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And was numbered with the transgressors;  
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,  
And interceded for the transgressors.*

**Ephesians 5:2**

*2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*

**Romans 5:8**

*8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

*3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,*

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

*14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died ; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*

**1 Peter 3:18**

*18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;*

- Christ alone is sufficient, no other religion will suffice.
- John 14:6
  - 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- Acts 4:12
  - 12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."
- Christ alone is sufficient, no other works are required.
- Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- **Titus 3:5-7**  
*5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*
- **John 6:28 & 29**  
*28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."*
- **Hebrews 10:18**  
*18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

- **Application: The Sufficiency of Christ - Discipleship and Disciplemaking**
- **Christ is sufficient in the call to repent and be saved.**

**John 10:27-28**

*27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

- **Christ is sufficient in the spiritual growth of our Disciples.**

**1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

*6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.*

**Hebrews 13:21**

*Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

- **Because of the sufficiency of Christ we are freed from the tyranny of the post-salvation spiritual quest.**
- **Ephesians 1:3**  
*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*
- **2 Peter 1:3**  
*3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*
- **Colossians 2:9-10**  
*9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;*
- **Because of the sufficiency of Christ we understand our suffering in terms of...**
- **Refinement of our faith – not punishment for our sins**  
**1 Peter 1:6-7**  
*6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been*

*distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

- **Refinement of our character**

**Romans 5:3-5**

*3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

- **Our example to others**

**James 5:10-11**

*As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.*

- **Riches in heaven**

**James 1:12**

*12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

- **Because of the sufficiency of Christ we understand God's dealing with our sins in terms of**

- **His love**

**Hebrews 12:6-7**

*6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."*

*7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*

**Romans 8:35-37**

*35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written,*

*"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."*

*37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*

- **Discipline and not punishment – the Disciple is freed from looking over his shoulder and asking “what bad thing is God going to do to me because of my sin?”**

**Hebrews 12:11**

*10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.*

- **We are freed from self-abasement and acts of contrition to gain God's grace.**

**Hebrews 10:18**

*18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

**Colossians 2:18**

*18 Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, Colossians 2:23*

*23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.*

- Because of the sufficiency of Christ we are free to be a Disciple and Make Disciples because we love Jesus, not to be saved.

**Ephesians 2:7-10**

*8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

**1 John 4:18**

*18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because He first loved us.*

**1 John 5:3**

*3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*

- Because of the sufficiency of Christ we are free to be a Disciple and Make Disciples because we love Jesus and not to get God to love us.

**Romans 5:8, 9**

*8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him*

**John 14:15**

*15 " If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

**John 14:21**

*21 " He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."*

**John 14:23-24**

*" If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.*

*24 " He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.*

**John 14:31**

*31 but so that the world may know that **I love the Father**, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.*