

The Principle of Reversal Part 1

God's Solution for loneliness and sin

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Introduction:

One way to understand the work of Christ on the Cross is to consider the situation and status of Jesus Christ compared to the situation and status of mankind. It is clear that Jesus situation and status was changed as He left heaven and took on human form; He became like us. It is equally clear that our situation and status was changed as a result of His death upon the cross; we become like Him. This is called the Principle of Reversal; Jesus' situation was reversed so that ours might also be reversed.

1. All men deserted Him and He experienced loneliness, so that the isolated, lonely ones might experience His presence.

Jesus took our loneliness; so that we can receive His nearness and acceptance

- **Loneliness is not part of God's plan for mankind.**
Ps 68:5-6 God is a father of the fatherless, ... He makes a home for the lonely ... (Gen 2:18).
- **Jesus experienced loneliness**
Jn 16:32 "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
- **Jesus experienced loneliness in His sacrificial death.**
Isa 53:3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

Ps 69:20 Reproach has broken my heart and I am so sick. And I looked for sympathy, but there was none, And for comforters, but I found none. (Ps 22:1-2; Mt 27:46; Mk 15:33-34)

Ps 102:6-11 I resemble a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl of the waste places. 7 I lie awake, I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop. 8 My enemies have reproached me all day long; Those who deride me have used my name as a curse. 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread And mingled my drink with weeping 10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath, For You have lifted me up and cast me away. 11 My days are like a lengthened shadow, And I wither away like grass.
- **He is always with us, in every circumstance of life**
Ps 27:10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me up.
(Isa 41:10; 43:2; 46:1; Dt 31:8; Jos 1:9; Mt 28:20; Jn 14:18, 23; Heb 13:5-6)
- **In Christ, I am accepted by God**
Eph 1:6 ... (by) His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. (NKJV)

Rom 15:7 accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (Rom 14:3)

2. He, who knew no sin, took sin upon Himself, so that sinners might receive His righteousness

Jesus took our sin and depravity so that we could receive His righteousness

- **Jesus never sinned**
Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
(Heb 7:26; 2Cor 5:21; 1Pt 1:19; 2:22; 1Jn 3:3-5)

- **Jesus paid the price for our sin**

2Cor 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf ... (1Pt 2:24)

Isa 53:5-6 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. 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. (Isa 53:10-12)

Rom 3:25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; (Rom 3:21-26; 5:9-10; Col 1:21-22; Heb 2:17; 9:11-14; 1Jn 2:2)

- **Jesus died so that we might receive His righteousness**

Jer 23:6 ... And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'
(Rom 3:22; 5:19; 10:2-4; 1Cor 1:30; Ph 3:9; 2Pt 1:1)

- **Jesus gives believers the gift of righteousness**

Rom 5:17-21 ... much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. 18 ... even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. 19 ... even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. 21 ... even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 6:23; Phil 3:9)

- **This gift of righteousness is imputed to us**

Rom 4:5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, (Rom 3:21-22; 4:9-11, 22-24; 9:30; 10:4;