

Conclusion

The Principle of Reversal (16)

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32. He bore a crown of thorns so that we could receive a crown.

He bore a crown of thorn

Mt 27:29 And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, " Hail, King of the Jews!" (Mk 15:17; Jn 19:2-5)

So that we could receive a crown

2Tim 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1Cor 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

2Tim 2:5 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

Jas 1:12 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.

1Pt 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Rev 2:10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 3:11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

The Principle of Reversal:

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 be drawn to Him (Jn 12:32).
Jesus took our loneliness; so that we can receive His nearness and acceptance
2. He, who knew no sin, took sin upon Himself, so that sinners might receive His righteousness (2 Cor 5:21).
Jesus took our sin and depravity so that we could receive His righteousness
3. He unjustly carried guilt so that we might receive mercy (1 Jn 2:2).
Jesus took our guilt so that we could receive His mercy
4. His (temporary) death secured for us eternal life (1 Cor 15:21).
Jesus took our death so that we could receive His (eternal) life
5. His natural life ended with no heir, so that we might not be barren (Isa 53:10; 2 Pt 1:8).
Jesus took our barrenness so that we can receive His fruitfulness
6. He became a curse to redeem us from the curse (Gal 3:13).
Jesus took our curse so that we can receive blessing
7. He was slain according to the Law to take away our bondage to the Law (Col 2:14).
Jesus took our bondage to the law so that we could serve God in freedom

8. He became a stranger to bring us, who were strangers, into the covenant of God with His people (Eph 2:14).
Jesus became a man and took our estrangement (alienation) so that we could participate (be included) in all covenantal privileges.
9. He was captured so that we who live in captivity might be freed (Gal 4:3-5; Jn 18:12).
Jesus willingly took our bondage so that we could live in freedom.
10. God turned His back on Jesus so that He could turn His face towards us (2 Cor 3:6; Mt 26:46).
God forsook Jesus so He could accept and bless us.
11. He bore our guilt so that we who were guilty might be free (Rom 3:25).
He was condemned so that we the guilty might be forgiven.
12. He was charged so that no charge could be laid against us (Rom 8:33).
Jesus was declared guilty so that we the guilty might be declared justified.
13. He was condemned so that there is now no condemnation for us (Rom 8:1).
He was condemned so that we could have a clean conscience.
14. He suffered in public so that our private needs might be met (2 Cor 4:2).
15. He was spit on to bear our degradation, dishonor, disgrace and putdowns (Mk 14:65; 15:19).
16. He rejected the sponge to quench His thirst and give Him deliverance from pain, so that we might be comforted in our pain (Mt 27:34).
17. He was sold to purchase our freedom (Mt 26:15; Ac 20:28).
18. He was counted among sinners so that God could count us as His own (Isa 53:12)
Jesus was counted (crucified with 2 thieves) with sinners so that we would be counted with all the saints.
19. He experienced mental agony to heal us from mental torment (Lk 22:44).
20. He was removed from God's presence to make any way into God's presence for us (Mt 27:46; Heb 10:19).
21. He was stripped naked so that we might be clothed in white linen (Jn 19:23-25; Rev 7:14).
22. He submitted to others authority to break their authority over us and give us a place to rule (Col 2:10).
23. He submitted to death to deliver us from death's power (Heb 2:14).
24. He carried our grief so the grieving might receive joy (Isa 53:4; 54:1).
25. His body was torn so that are torn bodies might be healed (Isa 53:5).
26. He suffered public humiliation so that our private shame might be lifted (Isa 53:3).
27. He was oppressed so that those living under the bonds of oppression might be freed (Isa 53:7).
28. He didn't say a word to His captors so that we would have His Word to speak to ours (Isa 53:7).
29. He died with sinners so that we might live with saints (Mt 27:38; 1 Cor 1:2).
30. He was betrayed by a friend so that we might be accepted by God (Lk 22:48; Eph 1:6).
31. He became poor so that we might become rich through His poverty (2 Cor 8:9).
32. He bore a crown of thorns so that we could receive a crown (Mt 27:29; 1Pt 5:4).

Chart of The Principle of Reversal

| | Jesus took our: | Scriptures | So we could receive His: |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Loneliness | Jn 12:32; Is 53:3 | Nearness, acceptance |
| 2. | Sin and depravity | 2Cor 5:21 | Righteousness |
| 3. | Guilt | 1Jn 2:2 | Mercy & comfort |
| 4. | Death | 1Cor 15:21 | Eternal life |
| 5. | Bareness | Is 53:10; 2Pt 1:8 | Fruitfulness |
| 6. | Curse | Gal 3:13-14 | Blessing |
| 7. | Certificate of debt | Rom 7:1-6; Col 2:14 | Forgiveness |
| 8. | Strangers to God | Eph 2:14 | Friend of God |
| 9. | Imprisonment, captivity | Gal 4:3-5; Jn 18:12 | Freedom |
| 10. | God's back turned toward us | 2 Cor 3:6; Mt 26:46 | God's face turned towards us |
| 11. | Guilt | Rom 3:25 | Forgiveness & comfort |
| 12. | Accusations | Rom 8:33 | Justification & Affirmation |
| 13. | Condemnation | Rom 8:1-2 | No condemnation, acceptance |
| 14. | Public Shame | 2 Cor 4:2 | Private needs met |
| 15. | Degradation, dishonor, disgrace | Is 50:6; Mt 26:67 | Glory and honor |
| 16. | Pain | Is 53:4; Mt 4:24, 27:34 | Healed from pain |
| 17. | Was sold (our bondage) | Is 63:9; Ac 20:28 | Redeemed, purchased |
| 18. | Counted among sinners | Is 53:12; Col 1:12 | Counted with the saints |
| 19. | Mental torment | Lk 22:42-44; 2Tim 1:7 | Healthy mind |
| 20. | Removed from God's presence | Mt 27:46-51; Eph 2:17-18 | Access to God/Draw near |
| 21. | Stripped naked | Jn 19:23-25; Eph 4:24 | Clothed in righteousness/New self |
| 22. | Submitted to other's authority | Jn 10:17-18; Mt 28:18 | We have authority in His name |
| 23. | (Submitted to) Death | Heb 2:14 | Resurrected life |
| 24. | Grief and sorrow | Is 53:4; 61:3 | Joy and gladness |
| 25. | Sickness, disease | Is 53:5 | Healing and health |
| 26. | He took our shame & humiliation | Is 53:3 | Advocacy, Mediation, Help |
| 27. | He was oppressed | Is 53:7; 19:20 | Freedom from bonds & oppression |
| 28. | He was silent to His captors | 1Pt 2:23; Rev 12:10-11 | Word to speak to captors |
| 29. | He died with sinners | Mt 27:38; 1 Cor 1:2 | We might live with saints |
| 30. | He was betrayed by a friend | Lk 22:48; Eph 1:6 | We might be accepted by God |
| 31. | He became poor | 2 Cor 8:9 | We might become rich |