

THE MAGNITUDE OF GOD'S LOVE

Have you ever struggled with guilt? Have you ever repented for your sin but afterward had trouble letting it go? Have you ever felt alone? Have you ever made a wrong choice? Has bitterness, anger, or unforgiveness been part of your journey? If you are human, you probably answered yes to at least one of these questions. What does this have to do with Easter and God's love? Everything.

Read Isaiah 53:4-6

According to verse 4, what did Jesus bear and carry? To whom did these belong?

Translations vary, but simply put, Jesus lifted all our burdens from our shoulders and put them on His. **What burdens are you carrying right now that you need to give to Jesus? Of what guilt do you need to let go or sin do you need to confess?**

Verse 5 says Jesus was pierced, crushed, and chastised. What reasons were given for this brutality?

Brutality doesn't even begin to describe the severity of what Jesus experienced. Despite this, we read in [Isaiah 53:11](#) that Jesus will look back on the anguish of His soul and be satisfied, knowing He provided the ONLY way for us to be made right with God.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

Why did Jesus have to become the offering for our sin? Read New Living Translation if needed.

What does it mean to become the righteousness of God? Read the Amplified version for ideas.

Jesus paid a price we could not pay, suffered a death we should have suffered, and He was satisfied. The next time you are feeling guilt, loneliness, unworthiness, or unforgiveness, look to the cross. You don't have to live there anymore.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me so much that you chose to send Jesus to the cross on my behalf. Help me to remember His sacrifice means I don't have to bear the burden of suffering and shame anymore. I will choose to live in the power and truth of the resurrected Christ! In Jesus name, Amen.