Our Pain for His Healing

Day One - Faith

Read the Gospel of John's account of the crucifixion (John 19). In John 19:30 Jesus declares before He "gave up His spirit," that "It is finished." The word "finished" speaks to the truth that the work Jesus came to do had been accomplished to bring salvation to mankind. Do you have complete confidence and assurance in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, to pay for every one of the sins you have or will ever commit? Is your hope for salvation completely on Jesus' death on the cross for you and not on anything you could accomplish on your own?

Pray and ask God to strengthen your trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. To be healed of the pain that comes from sin, we must have an assurance that Jesus was the payment for our sin.

Day Two - Humility

Read 1 John 1:8-9 (NIV) "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Pray and ask God to give you the humility to bring your sins to God and admit where you have fallen short so that God may bring forgiveness to you resulting in your healing.

Day Three - Healing

Read Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 1:24-25. Both sections of Scripture tell us that it is through the wounds of Christ we are healed. We believe that God is able to restore physical health to a sick person. We also believe that God is able to heal the individual who has carried with them the sickness of the soul that comes from sin.

Pray and ask God for cleansing of sin in your life. Confess your sins to God with the assurance of His love for you. The healing that comes through Christ's forgiveness comes from the heart of God who cares deeply for you. May God's healing bring renewal and a greater assurance of His love for you.

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"Pain for Healing" A Cross for a Crown: The Great Exchange

"How great the pain of searing loss-The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory." From the song "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

In bringing Christ our pain, the healing Christ offers to us is:

1. Sufficient

1 Peter 2:24a (NIV) "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross...

Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT) "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privilege; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

1 John 2:2 (NLT) "He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world."

James 1:14-15 "But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

2. Substitutionary

1 Peter 2:24a (NIV) "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross...

Isaiah 53:4-6 (NIV) "Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Matthew 20:28 (NLT) "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

3. Sanctifying

1 Peter 2:24b (NIV) "...so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;"

Romans 6:11-13 (NLT) "So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God."

- **1 Peter 2:25 (NLT)** "Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)** "May God himself, the God of peace, satisfy you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

4. Saving

1 Peter 2:24c (NIV) "by his wounds you have been healed."

John 3:16-17 (NIV) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

5. A Sign of God's Love

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT) "You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross."

Malachi 4:2 (NIV) "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves."

Book of Common Prayer: Confessions of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name.