**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**HEALING FOR THE BRUISED AND WOUNDED (Part 1) Study 28**

**TEXT:** Isaiah 53:1-5.

**MEMORY VERSE**: 1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

The scripture is the yardstick of perfection for every believer in all ages. The above scripture reveals the bruised and wounded Christ who endured so much for sinners' sake! You can only be complete in Christ, when you learn to follow His footsteps. There are two contrasting events that are inevitable in life: Bitter and sweet, pains and pleasures, night and day, the cross and the crown as symbols of your suffering and eventual reigning in glory with Christ.

***Let us answer the following questions:***

*i. If Christ suffered to redeem mankind from sin and eternal damnation, should any of His followers expect the same for His sake? Hebrew 13:12-14.*

*ii. Is the glory of resurrection possible without the shame and humiliation of the CROSS?*

*iii. Who do you think will appreciate, acceptance, honour and glory most? Those who have experienced rejection, oppression, reproach etc, or those who never did!*

*iv. Do pains, sorrow and sadness have any advantage at all in humans’ maturation and betterment? John 16:21.*

*v. Can you as humans satisfy everyone's wishes from you? Do you expect everyone also to satisfy your wishes all the time? When this doesn't happen, do you tag, label or take offense and expect others to do same to you?* You need to learn and follow Christ gracious examples in suffering for righteousness’ sake.

**CHRIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRUISES AND WOUNDS HE SUFFERED. ISAIAH 53: 7-12.**

God has set darkness and light, pains and pleasures, trial and tranquility into nature for the good, learning and maturity of humans, that by these, man can appreciate the goodness and blessings from both! Christ went through pains and agony! He suffered reproach and rejection as seen in our text, in order to bring salvation to the sin laden world! To reign, He chose first to suffer! In these studies, God wants you to learn from Christ experience to help your sense of understanding and endurance. Also, the studies will facilitate quick healing and recovery when wounded or bruised in your relationship with others as a child of God.

**1. Christ was bruised and wounded, not because he was bad, harmful, evil or faulty!** Satan could not fault Christ for any wrong at any time, as testified by the scripture. Hebrew 4:15. A child of God can suffer wrongfully like Christ! But to suffer as evil doers is unscriptural. 1Peter 4:12-16.

**2. Christ knew the nature of man!** The depravity, the weakness, the limitations and selfishness embedded in humanity. With these, He would always take men excesses and inadequacy with a pinch of salt! When men treated Him unjustly, when bruised and buffeted with sword of insult, blasphemy and lies, he took it calmly without emotional injuries! Luke 23:8-11. Whenever this happened to you, like Christ, gracious disposition is expected.

**3. Christ knew the mind of God and the mission He sought to accomplish through him. John 9:4-5.**

He was equally aware of Satan plot to assault and hamper God glorious purpose through Him! For example, when Jews said he cast out evil spirit by Beelzebub, He remained unperturbed. Why? He knew the witness of God was superior to men's untrue verdict. Likewise Joseph translated his supposed emotional pains and hurts to excellent glory due to the knowledge of God's intentions and His workings through him! The pains and suffering of slavery and imprisonment soon yielded dividend of his elevation in Egypt, and the preservation of God's people. 2Corinthians 4:16-18.

**4. Christ knew the Father and as the source of true consolation and relief!** He received counsel and comfort by openings up to Him. As believers, you can hook up to Jesus today to help your infirmities! Thus, by the consolation you received from Him, you will be a source of consolation to those going through pains and pressures of life. Hebrew 4:14-16**. Every child of God should hook up to the true witness of the Holy Spirit. He is your true comforter and helper. Hebrews 13:6 KJV *"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me".***

**5. The pains, bruises and wounds Christ suffered and endured represented the mark of the love He had for the perishing sinners!** It is like the pains of travailing woman at birth! The pains and agony will soon translate to joyful feats with unfathomable gains. As believers, whatever you encounter for the reason of your love for Christ, and service to the fold, learn to take it joyfully.

**6. Christ’s wound, bruises and injuries was short-lived because of His forgiving nature!** Forgiveness is one of the most effective antidotes of grace that every believer can enjoy.

*i. It relieves, heals quickly and permanently.*

*ii. It restores peace of mind.*

*iii. It ignites sinners with flame of love, melting heart with brokenness and transformations. Act 7:60; 9:1-6.*

**7. Christ was proud to showcase to Thomas as well as everyone, the healing proof of His bruised, wounded side and nailed palm with nothing festering at all!** He was completely healed without stink or pains! John 20:25-29.

The question is: How long will you writhe and moan under pains of injuries suffered for your love for Christ? Christ is our model example. The resurrection power is available to heal and remove all pains. This is all you need for a complete healing.

**HYMN: WHERE COULD I GO**

1. Living below in this old sinful world,

Hardly a comfort can afford;

Striving alone to face temptations sore,

Where could I go but to the Lord?

*Where could I go, o where could I go,*

*Seeking a refuge for my soul?*

*Needing a friend to help me in the end*

*Where could I go but to the Lord?*

1. Neighbours are kind, I love them ev’ry one,

We get along in Sweet accord;

But when my soul needs manna from above,

Where could I go but to the Lord?

1. Life here is grand with friends I love so dear,

Comfort I get from God’s own Word;

Yet when I face the chilling hand of death,

Where could I go but to the Lord?