

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 6, 2016

“Famous Last Words ~ The Word of Substitution”

Isaiah 53:1-6

Jesus spoke three times during His first three hours on the cross, and then came another three hours of unexplainable \_\_\_\_\_ accompanied by a dreadful \_\_\_\_\_.

“At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. At about three o’clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice; ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ?’” (Matthew 27:45-47)

**called out = anabo aho =**

**forsaken = en-katal-eipo =**

Jesus knew the pain of \_\_\_\_\_, however, this was nothing compared to the pain He experienced when He was \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

The darkness of Calvary wasn’t just a \_\_\_\_\_ darkness, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ darkness as well.

**darkness = skotos =**

In the Old Testament, darkness was a sign of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

“‘On that day,’ says the Sovereign Lord, ‘I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth while it is still day.’” (Amos 8:9)

The darkness of Calvary was an act of God—a sign of His \_\_\_\_\_ on sin.

It was during this 3 hours of darkness that all the \_\_\_\_\_ were poured out on Jesus.

In crying out this 4<sup>th</sup> word from the cross, Jesus was responding to the painful fact that sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you.” (Isaiah 59:2)

“Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong doing.” (Habbakuk 1:13)

Jesus was forsaken because God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God

“Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Isaiah makes it very clear that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_—that it was our sin that caused His punishment.

As He hung on the cross, Jesus became our \_\_\_\_\_—He took our place.

“The wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23)

“He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2)

**atoning = hilasmos =**

Atonement is all about the \_\_\_\_\_—it \_\_\_\_\_ justice.

“God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then in exchange, he poured God’s goodness into us.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

This 4<sup>th</sup> word from the cross confronts us with the painful reality of sin and its \_\_\_\_\_.

“All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own.” (Isaiah 53:6)

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” (Rom 3:23)

**sin =**

**transgression =**

**iniquity =**

“I acknowledged my sin to You [that’s falling short]. I did not cover up my iniquity [that’s my attitude to do my own thing.] and I confess my transgression [that’s going beyond and breaking laws] and You forgave my guilt.” (Psalm 32:5)

A Christian world view holds that sin entered the world from the \_\_\_\_\_.

“When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam’s sins brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

As wondrous as God’s creation is—it’s still \_\_\_\_\_. Because of this reality, salvation is \_\_\_\_\_. Yes, it’s free for us, but that’s only because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the price on the cross.

The belief that all roads lead to God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross.

“Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:18-19)

## THE REALITY OF SIN

• **Sin is** \_\_\_\_\_.

The strategy of the enemy is to get us to \_\_\_\_\_ at sin; to \_\_\_\_\_ us into not taking sin seriously and making light of it; to \_\_\_\_\_ sin to make it look attractive, appealing, and desirable.

“Fools make a mock at sin; but among the righteous there is favour.” (Proverbs 14:9)

• **Sin is an** \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin it can never deliver what it \_\_\_\_\_. It might be enjoyable at first, however, the satisfaction we experience is \_\_\_\_\_, leaving us feeling \_\_\_\_\_ inside and only craving more.

“The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.” (Genesis 3:6)

• **Sin is a** \_\_\_\_\_.

Like a fire, left unattended, sin can quickly get out of control an \_\_\_\_\_.

“Can you build a fire in your lap and not burn your pants?” (Proverbs 6:27)

“Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrong doing.” (Galatians 3:13)

## OUR RESPONSE

**#1. Turn from your \_\_\_\_\_ and trust Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

“We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.” (Romans 3:22)

It doesn’t matter who we are or what we’ve done—salvation is available to \_\_\_\_\_.

“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

**Have you turned from your sins?**

**Do you trust Jesus in every area of your life?**

**#2. Live a life of** \_\_\_\_\_.

“Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.” (Romans 5:11)

Our lives become a \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s goodness, mercy, and unfailing love.

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

**Do you live your life in a constant state of gratitude to God?**

**#3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News.**

“Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mk 6:15)

Jesus’ intentions are pretty clear—as believers, we’re called to \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News, in and through our lives

Jesus died for \_\_\_\_\_—and He wants \_\_\_\_\_ to know.

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

**When was the last time you shared the Good News?**

**When was the last time you shared your faith with someone else?**