

God With Us

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He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:3,4 NIV

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 ESV

The Suffering of Jesus Shows me. . .

1. The world is not the way God wants it.

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

1 John 5:19 NIV

This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

Matthew 6:9, 10 NIV

2. God is not the one inflicting our suffering.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 NIV

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5 NIV

3. There is hope even in our suffering.

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 NLT

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,

Romans 5:3–5 NIV

Weekend Music:

This Is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham) • Yes And Amen (Jesus Culture) •
Nothing But The Blood (The Worship Initiative)