It Pleased GOD to Sacrifice His Son

Isaiah 53:10
Zechariah 13; 1 John 4

Joy to the World!

• (Luke 2:10-11, 14) "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ... Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

To Whom Will You Give Gifts This Christmas?

Our Christmas Verse (1 John 4:10)

• You cannot KNOW the love of God without KNOWING His fierce anger and wrath.
• God is holy, holy, holy and therefore must (being true to His nature) hate sinners (Psalm 5:5; 7:11) and bring JUSTICE (by His wrath) upon those sinners. God would not be God if He did not do this!
• BUT God's eternal plan (purpose, counsel) was to save some sinners from His fierce wrath.
• To fulfill His plan (Ephesians 1:11) He sent His Son to be the PROPITIATION for His peoples' sins. (1 John 4:10)
• PROPITIATION is used four times in the New Testament.
  → 1 John 4:10; 1 John 2:2; Romans 3:25-26; Hebrews 2:17

The Pleasure of God (Isaiah 53:10)

• Remember, Christ is God's Servant. (Isaiah 42:1)
  → A servant fulfills the wishes (will, counsel) of the Master.
  → Christ, God's Servant, was tasked to save His people from their sins.
  → Christ, God's Servant, was tasked to be His people's sin bearer.
• It pleased God to "bruise" (literally, "to crush to pieces") His Servant.
• It pleased God to "make sick" His Servant.
  - Sickness in Isaiah is associated with SIN. (See Isaiah 1:5-6)
  - See 2 Corinthians 5:21
• THIS despite the Servant's INNOCENCE.

God's Christmas Gift to His People

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins!