

# 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.



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*“A Passion to Know Him and Make Him Known!”*

- Is this UNFAIR? (Consider Proverbs 17:15)
- An IMPORTANT QUESTION: Why was the Servant sent into the world?
  - What was GOD's purpose for the Servant?
  - Did the Servant fulfill GOD's purpose for Him?
  - Is God unjust in fulfilling His purpose through HIS Servant?
- Consider carefully: The Servant's death was NOT in the hands of wicked men but in the LORD's hands.
  - This does not absolve the wicked from responsibility, BUT both in the Old and New Testaments we find GOD in absolute control of the every situation.
- The end results of the Lord's plan is PEACE (see v. 5) and THAT peace must be obtained in God's appointed manner.
- God's pleasure in verse 10 is the fulfillment of His plan or His will.
- PEACE can never come apart the Cross!!
- God was doing all this for HIS PEOPLE's sake!
- Everything that God does He does for His glory and the GOOD of His people. (See Romans 8:28)

## 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!