

WARM-UP

- What do you usually treat yourself to after a difficult day?
- Have you ever experienced receiving something that you have been waiting long and hard for? Tell us about it.
- Tell about a time you gave someone a gift just to appreciate that person.

WORD *Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. **ISAIAH 53:10***

In the book of Isaiah, there are many prophecies about the Savior who would receive suffering on behalf of mankind because of their sins. But the story of this Savior does not end there. While Jesus was sent as a sacrifice for the world, He is also a victorious Savior. He conquered sin and death when He resurrected from the dead because of His sinlessness. For those who put their faith in Him, we are promised three things.

1 | We will be declared righteous.

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ISAIAH 53:11

Because Jesus came and died on our behalf, He will make many to be accounted righteous. What happened when Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross is that He substituted His identity with our own. He became sin for us and we, who put our faith in Jesus, have been clothed with His righteousness. We are no longer living in sin, but have been made right with God. It is all through His grace and sacrifice (Ephesians 2:8,9). Now that we have been made righteous, how are we to live? (Romans 5:1,2)

2 | We can overcome a lifestyle of sin.

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In Jesus, not only have we been declared righteous, but we can also overcome a lifestyle of sin. We used to be dead in our sins, but we have been made alive in Christ and have been given grace to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives (Titus 2:11,12). Even though we live in a sinful world, we do not have to live according to it. We can live a life of victory over sin because of Jesus. How has your life changed since you surrendered your life to Christ?

3 | We can receive an inheritance with Christ.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

ISAIAH 53:12

Now that we are in Christ, we are coheirs with Christ. Because Christ is victorious over sin and death, He shall divide the spoil with the strong—an inheritance from God which He will share to those who have put their faith in Him. But our inheritance in Christ is greater than any riches the world could offer. We receive in Him a spirit of adoption as well (Romans 8:15). We become part of God's family. What does Romans 8:15–18 say about our new status in Christ?

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APPLICATION

- Do you live in the victory over sin that Christ won for you on the cross? Would you like to put your faith in Jesus so that you can experience this victory today?
- Knowing that you are able to live a life free of sin in Christ, how will you change the way you live? What is one thing that you can do this week to live out a righteous life with God?
- Ask God for ways to show your friends or family members that they can live a victorious life with His grace.

