

## Christ's Battle to Save Us!

Isaiah's message in 53:10–12 has a **strong Gospel** emphasis. Christ was crushed for our sins, carried our sicknesses, and the result is the justification of many. He has won the victory and now divides the spoils of war with His followers, the baptized.

### BIBLE STUDY

1. The first line of Isaiah 53:10 literally says that it pleased the Lord to “crush Him with sickness.” What does Matthew 27:32 imply about the physical condition of Jesus?
  
2. The words saves, saved, safe, safety, salvation, and Savior are all over in the Bible, but they appear more in one particular book than all the rest. Which one and why?
  
3. The name “Psalms” and “Psalter” come from the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the OT), where they originally referred to stringed instruments, then to songs sung with their accompaniment.
  
4. Luther describes Christ's work as suffering and overcoming God's \_\_\_\_\_, but also doing battle against the demonic powers which God's wrath uses in its service and to which God has surrendered humanity (p. 208).
  
5. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ swallows up sin.
  
6. The curse attempts to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_, but it is not able to do so; for the \_\_\_\_\_ is divine and eternal.
  
7. Luther places the curse of divine \_\_\_\_\_ together with the powers of: sin, death, and the devil and lists it as one of “those monsters” with which Christ fights.
  
8. Those powers which Christ does battle are ultimately \_\_\_\_\_, meaning: from God. God's wrath is one of them and is the real threatening and killing power in them all.

9. According to the Colossians 2:13 – 15 where did this battle take place?
10. Christ's work was done at a particular time in history. But in God's sight it has existed from \_\_\_\_\_ . Read Revelations 13:8. When was Christ crucified for the sins of all mankind?
11. The work of salvation is based on God's eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to save; and it transcends time.
12. Luther emphasizes Christ's work does no good without \_\_\_\_\_; it helps us only in so far as we take Christ into us through faith.
13. In faith Christ's work becomes \_\_\_\_\_. He takes what is ours: our sin, the agony of our death under the wrath of God and in the power of the devil on Himself. We receive his innocence, righteousness, and blessedness. This is the wonderful exchange.
14. Faith is the wedding ring through which the divine exchange and marriage with \_\_\_\_\_ takes place.
15. \_\_\_\_\_, however, appropriates Christ's intercession for us only through the cross as we are drawn into Christ's suffering and death.
16. Like Paul, Luther also speaks of dying with Christ. Dying with Christ is not an event which takes place only \_\_\_\_\_. Luther understands Galatians 2:19, 20 to mean "I am crucified with Christ" rather than "I have been crucified with Christ." He sees it as on-going act of crucifying the flesh.
17. The battle is waged not in the world but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of people. Luther echoes John in calling \_\_\_\_\_ the victory. (I John 5:4)

**May God grant you great faith this week as you encounter the cross of Jesus  
Christ, may his cross be lifted high!**