

Behold The Man

A Meditation from Pastor John G. Collins

My sins were upon Christ's person

Scripture References:

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6 KJV)

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (1 Peter 2:24 KJV)

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV)

When we think of Jesus Christ on the cross, the various things such as nails, crown of thorns, spear in his side, stripes, all speak of different kinds of sins.

Crown of thorns: Sins of the mind

Nails in feet: Walking toward sin, speaks of the will

Nails in hands: Sins committed with the hands. Hands speak of power

Swollen eyes: Sins of desires

Spear in his side: Sins I consume in my body, what I ingest. Also sins of emotions (the belly is a symbol of emotions), iniquity.

Stripes on back: Backsliding Christians

On His Side: Christians on the sidelines, apathy, sins of omission

Beaten with rods: Sins against children and childish, ignorant sins

Punched in the face: Proud look, bad countenance, two- faced lying person

Beard plucked: Sins against wisdom

Spat upon and wagging at him with tongues: Verbal sins, sins of the tongue

Tied to a post and whipped: Speaks of all prisoners and criminals. He died for all their sins

Vinegar: sins of deception

Gall/Vinegar: Believed to be mixed with a drug such as Myrrh. Represents sins against a suffering world; neglect and numbing ourselves to the pain of others.

Casting lots: Sins of squandering, stealing, gambling

Laughing and mocking: Sins of putting entertainment first

Golgotha: Place of the skull - Mountain of sin

All sins were placed on his person. The sins were taken care of forever.

Because my sins were on every part of His person, as God's sacrificial lamb, they are all taken care of and paid for and removed forever. (Colossians 2:13, Revelation 1:5).

The Cross:

The upward part of the cross represents sins against God

The horizontal, sins against humanity

Left: The unsaved

Right: The saved

Downward: Sins against the dead and against the earth (the curse)

Wood: Humanity, judgment and fire, old sin nature

3 Crosses: Trinity

We have an opportunity: The Gospel is calling all men to come and ***behold the man*** and be forgiven, saved, clean and justified.

The backslider can be healed and restored.

The murderer and the thief (the saved and the unsaved) and those vile sins, neglectful sins, foolish and ignorant ones, hates of good, lovers of evil, blasphemers, proud mockers, and sceptics – **All can come and "Behold The Man"**



AMEN! He did it for all, for you and for me! AMEN!