

## Lord's Day 15

*Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class*  
*John 17, John 10:1- 30*

### **QUESTION 37.**

**What do you confess when you say that He suffered?**

ANSWER. During all the time He lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.<sup>1</sup> Thus, by His suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice,<sup>2</sup> He has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation,<sup>3</sup> and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.<sup>4</sup>

### **QUESTION 38.**

**Why did He suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?**

ANSWER. Though innocent, Christ was condemned by an earthly judge,<sup>1</sup> and so He freed us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.<sup>2</sup>

### **QUESTION 39.**

**Does it have a special meaning that Christ was crucified and did not die in a different way?**

ANSWER. Yes. Thereby I am assured that He took upon Himself the curse which lay on me, for a crucified one was cursed by God.<sup>1</sup>

## Proof Texts for Lord's Day 15

### Lords Day 15 [Q&A 37.1]

*Isaiah 53*; Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

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.  
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.  
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by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
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.

*1 Timothy 2:6* "...who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time."

*1 Peter 2:24* He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.;

*1 Peter 3:18* For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

### **Lords Day 15 [Q&A 37.2]**

*Romans 3:25* ...whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins;

*1 Corinthians 5:7* Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;

*Ephesians 5:2* And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God;

*Hebrews 10:14* For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified;

*1 John 2:2* He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 4:10* In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### **Lords Day 15 [Q&A 37.3]**

*Romans 8:1-4* There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit;

*Galatians 3:13* Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”...;

*Colossians 1:13* We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you;

*Hebrews 9:12* ...he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.;

*1 Peter 1:18, 19* knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

### **Lords Day 15 [Q&A 37.4]**

*John 3:16* For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*Romans 3:24-26* ... and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus;

*II Corinthians 5:21* For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God;

*Hebrews 9:15* Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

### **Lords Day 15 [Q&A 38.1]**

*Luke 23:13-24* Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him."

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas" — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted;

*John 19:4, 12-16* Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him,

crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

### **Lords Day 15 [Q&A 38.2]**

*Isaiah 53:4, 5* But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.;

*II Corinthians 5:21* For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.;

*Galatians 3:13* Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” — .....

### **Lords Day 15 [Q&A 39.1]**

*Deuteronomy 21:23* ...his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for *q*a hanged man is cursed by God.  
*r*You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance;

*Galatians 3:13* Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” — ....