

Introduction

- I. As we face suffering in this life, there are two things that set apart Jesus' suffering:
- II. We see that God uses suffering to accomplish something good - our salvation.

Suffering Accomplishing Salvation

I. His Suffering

- A. In His life-long suffering, Christ bore the wrath of God in body and soul.
 1. Jesus' life began and ended with suffering, as the Son of God in our human flesh.
 2. He suffered the wrath of God (Isaiah 53). What is God's wrath?
- B. Christ sustained the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind.
 1. Christ *sustained* God's wrath, which means He willing, voluntarily suffered.
 2. He did this for the sins of all mankind. Did Christ suffer for everyone?
 3. This is the amazing suffering our Savior went through to pay for our sins.

II. Our Salvation

- A. Christ suffering God's wrath is the only way for our Savior to pay for our sins.
 1. There is suffering in this world because of the fall of Adam and Eve.
 2. But we must see the bigger picture that God uses suffering for our redemption.
- B. Jesus suffered and died as a propitiatory sacrifice, making payment for our sins.

III. Lessons Learned

- A. We are assured that the suffering we go through is not the evidence of God's curse on us.
- B. We also learn through suffering that there is a good end because suffering accomplishes salvation.