

## **Smitten by God and afflicted**

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**"Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted." - Isaiah 53 4**

**"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed." - 1 Peter 2 V24**

**We find our healing in the suffering and stripes that were laid on Christ. He bore our grief and eternal punishment on Himself for without His sacrifice there would have been no forgiveness of sins. The doorway of heaven is now open to them that believe in Christ and accept His sacrifice on the cross. Christ rose again from the dead and He gives us the same hope of rising from the dead to eternal life. We live for righteousness because Christ died and rose again and by His stripes we are healed. Praise God for making heaven possible to those who believe in the Son of God.**

**"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." - Jesus Christ  
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**