"JESUS GIVES US A REASON TO LIVE AND HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH."

READ

Isaiah 53:2-5

There is nothing more humiliating than sin — nothing that can more surely tear your heart out, destroy your dreams, or make you live in fear. Sin is the most debilitating, humiliating, embarrassing state that a human being can be in. When God the Father sees that, it breaks His heart. When Satan would expose us and totally humiliate us, here comes Jesus, spilling His precious blood all over us and cleansing us from our sin. What the devil intended as a laughingstock, Jesus made His own glory. When the devil sought to hold our sin up as a victory over God, Jesus covered us with His righteousness. When Jesus walked through the crowd in Jerusalem that day, with a cross on His shoulders, the crowd turned their back and said, "God is punishing Him for His sins." But it wasn't *His* sins. It was your sins and my sins. He took them upon His own body. Jesus Christ, the precious Son of God, told the Father, "I have taken care of the situation."

PRAY

Jesus, foremost, I thank You for taking on my sin, humiliation and embarrassment. Thank You for paying the ultimate price, so that I don't have to be ashamed. I can hold my head high. With gratitude and in confidence I serve You today.

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