

LESSON 21: HE SUFFERED, WAS CRUCIFIED

Memory work

You may also memorize stanzas 1 & 2 of the song on the other side of this sheet.

37. Q. What do you confess when you say that He suffered?

*A. 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.
Thus, by His suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice,
He has redeemed our body and soul
from everlasting damnation,
and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.*

38. Q. Why did He suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?

*A. Though innocent,
Christ was condemned by an earthly judge,
and so He freed us
from the severe judgment of God
that was to fall on us.*

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

*A. Yes. Thereby I am assured
that He took upon Himself the curse which lay on me,
for a crucified one was cursed by God.*

Homework

1.(2) Look up Isaiah 53:12, the last two lines.

Does this describe the work of the prophet, the priest, or the king? _____

2.(2) Which text in the Old Testament and which text in the New Testament tell us that crucifixion means someone is cursed by God?

Old Testament: _____

New Testament: _____

3.(3) What event during the last days of Jesus especially points to the extreme nature of Jesus suffering? (hint: it's mentioned in the Form for Lord's Supper).

4.(3) Are *you* fine with *Jesus* paying for your sins or would you rather God held *you* responsible?
_____ because _____

Alternative Memory Work

Melody: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

1. Christ Jesus for us suffered in body and in soul.
Himself for us he offered to save us, one and all.
His off'ring brought atonement, the needed sacrifice,
To give us full enjoyment of everlasting life.

2. Though innocent he suffered conviction unto death.
The sinless One was offered to free us from sin's threat.
Christ's death gives me assurance that he's removed the curse
The cross showed God's abhorrence of sinful deeds and words.