

# Good Friday 2018

## Reflection # 2

Bible reading: 1 Peter 2:18-25

“He himself bore our sins”

**He himself bore our sins...**

He bore **our** sins, though he was **without** sin

He bore our sins though no **deceit** was found in his **mouth**

He bore our sins and did not **retaliate** – rather offered **forgiveness** for those driving in the nails...

He bore our sins and offered no **threats**

He bore our **sins**, entrusting himself to his Father whom he knew he would be **just**...

**He bore our sins in his body on the cross**, so that we might **die** to **sins** and **live** for **righteousness**...

**Die to sins?** That is, as he bore the **penalty** of our sins, so did he rob sin of its **power**

He **bore** our **sins**, so that we might **die** to that life where sin and rebellion **rule**...

...and **live** for the life where we are **right** with **God** and live for everything that is **right**.... //

We have the power to say **no** to sin

We have the power to say **yes** to all that is right and good!!

...**because he bore our sins in his body on the cross**...

He took on **his** shoulders, what was rightly coming to **us**...

...so that we might be **free** – free from sin’s **penalty** – free from sin’s **power**...

And by his **wounds** – our broken relationship with the Father – **broken** by our **wilfulness** – broken by our **rebellion** – broken by our **declaration** of **independence** against God – has been **healed** – **mended** – **restored** – put **right**. //

We were going **astray** – like **sheep** go astray – but **because** Jesus bore our sins, we are now **free** to **return** to the Good shepherd and **overseer** of our **very souls**. //

Do you know that **because** Jesus bore your sins, then – if you are a **Christian** – if your trust is **firmly** in Jesus and not in **yourself** – **because** Jesus bore them – you **never will**!!

He bore them **for** you.

**Instead** of you

In your **place**

What was due to **you** was put on **him**

What should have been **yours**, will now **never** be yours.

Your **debt** has been **paid** //

In **full.** //

Can you **grasp** this? /

Do you **believe** this? /

Do you **trust** this news? /

...because when we truly '**get**' this... every last **corner** of our life is **changed** by it...

You can't grasp this and then live **unchanged**.

If your life is not impacted by this news **every** day, then I can confidently say, you've not yet understood the **significance** of what it means that Jesus "*bore your sins in his body on the cross...*"

If you think it was a **small** thing...

...if you think it's **no big deal**...

Then you'll live life **unchanged**...

...but if you know it's your **only** hope...

If you know Jesus has done what no one else **could** do...

If you know Jesus' **death** means your **life**...

...if you know sin's **penalty** is **taken**...

...sin's **power, broken**...

Sin's **impact** reversed so your broken relationship with God is restored... //

...then your life will demonstrate...

**freedom** from **sin**;

**joy** in **forgiveness**;

**hope** for the **future**...

It will demonstrate

A heart that **loves** Jesus

A passion to **serve** Jesus

A longing that others **too**, might know this **glorious news**

*He himself, bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness.*