

## WOUNDED FOR CHRIST

Harvest Missionary Baptist Church    Sunday AM, March 5, 2006

- ❑ **ISAIAH 53:1-12 JESUS WAS WOUNDED FOR US**
  - ◆ This doctrine is essential for salvation
    - The Apostle Thomas had to see the wounds for himself before believing
    - Jesus blessed those who believe without seeing
- ❑ **II CORINTHIANS 6:1-10 APOSTLE PAUL WOUNDED FOR CHRIST**
- ❑ **II CORINTHIANS 4:7-11 WE ARE TO BE WOUNDED FOR CHRIST**
  - ◆ This doctrine is essential for faithful service to Jesus
    - (II Cor 11:30) Paul said if he gloried, he would glory in his infirmities
    - (Acts 5:41) Peter & John left Sanhedrin rejoicing they suffered for Jesus
      - Previously, in the threat of punishment, they prayed for boldness
    - These early examples have established the standard for us all
      - We should desire to be wounded for Christ
  - ◆ Our wounds won't ever measure up to His wounds
    - Though many of our forefathers/foremothers suffered terrible deaths
      - Burned alive at the stake
      - Chained together to be drowned
    - But it is in our suffering for Him that we testify of Him
  - ◆ Many today believe God exists to please us
    - Not realizing we exist to please & worship Him
    - We do this by showing forth Jesus Christ
  - ◆ Our journey of wounds begins at baptism
    - **Galatians 2:20** We've been crucified with Christ
      - A shared suffering → Bible says, "Entering into His sufferings"
    - **Romans 6:3-4** This crucifixion begins at our baptism into church
      - We've chosen to give up pleasures & suffer w/God's people
        - (Hebrews 11:25) Like Moses did
  - ◆ No glory in suffering for our faults, but for Christ → Acceptable to God
    - (I Peter 2:20)
    - (I Cor 4:10) We are fools for Christ's sake (loss of reputation)
    - (Matt 5:11) Blessed when we're persecuted for Christ's sake
- ❑ **AS GOD'S PEOPLE & BRIDE → IT IS OUR TURN**
  - ◆ Jesus was delivered up for our sins
  - ◆ We are delivered up to show forth His life, in us
  - ◆ Where are our wounds that we can use to glorify God?
    - Not many physical scars
    - But do you have emotional/spiritual scars?
      - Only obtained by truly suffering for Christ
    - Wear them as badges of distinction