

# The Benefits of Knowing Jesus

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## I. How Jesus (The Suffering Servant) Restored Us to God (Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12)

- A. When Jesus came He was fully aware of the needs we have and what must be done (Isaiah 53:11).
- B. Jesus was “righteous” and fully acceptable to God. God appointed Him to the task of making us righteous (Isaiah 53:10-11).
- C. Jesus identified Himself personally with us and with our weaknesses. He volunteered to die for us and, in the process, lost both His life and reputation (Isaiah 53:12).
- D. Jesus acted as our mediator and intercessor (Isaiah 53:12, 5, 6). “The Lord put His servant in between, using Him as a means of disposing of that (our iniquity) which alienated Him from us. Here the Servant comes voluntarily to stand with us; so that when He had borne our sins, He might bring us to God” (J. Alec Motyer—Isaiah Commentary)

## II. The Heritage of the Servants of the Lord (Isaiah 54:13-17)

- A. Because of Jesus, we are established in righteousness—right relationship with God (Isaiah 54:14).
- B. “All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace” (Isaiah 54:13).
- C. We have nothing to fear (Isaiah 54:14).
- D. We know the source of every bad circumstance. “Whoever attacks you will surrender to you” (Isaiah 54:15).
- E. “No weapon forged against you will prevail” (Isaiah 54:17).
- F. Isaiah 54:17 is a pivotal verse. Until verse 17, the Hebrew word for “servant” in the book of Isaiah is always singular. Now it is plural (meaning us). Heritage describes the “reality of possession,” not the way in which property is required. The word translated as “vindication” in the NIV is actually the word “righteousness.”

## III. Remembering All God’s Benefits (Psalm 103)

- A. You are connected to God in the most intimate way imaginable (Psalm 103:1)
- B. Psalm 103 is all about the benefits purchased for us on the cross. “Forget not all His benefits” (Psalm 103:2)!
- C. Because of Jesus, the ultimate healing has happened (Psalm 103:3).
- D. You are redeemed from every problem, including hell (Psalm 103:4).
- E. God crowns you with love and compassion (Psalm 103:4-18).
- F. God promises to extend love and righteousness to your children, and your children’s children (Psalm 103:17).
- G. Praying and believing (Hebrews 4:14-16)

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