

BODY PARTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015 PART 5: BODY PIERCING

Isaiah 53:4-8 (NLT) Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God a punishment for his own sins! 5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. 7 He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. 8 Unjustly condemned, he was led away...

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

1. It is a time of _____.

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you...

- com·mune: to be in a state of intimate, heightened sensitivity and receptivity.

As you take communion today . . .

- ❖ If Jesus came and sat down next to you, what would you want to share with him?

2. It is a time of _____.

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Isaiah 44:22 (MSG) ...I've wiped the slate of all your wrongdoings. There's nothing left of your sins. Come back to me, come back. I've redeemed you.

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

As you take communion today . . .

- ❖ What stands out the most to you about Christ's sacrifice for you?

3. It is a time of _____.

Luke 22:17, 19 "After taking the cup he gave thanks...and he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it...

Psalms 95:1-3 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. 3 For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

As you take communion today . . .

- ❖ Write down the things you are thankful for.

4. It's a time of _____.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

As you take communion today . . .

- ❖ Who are the people in your circle of influence that need to hear the Good News?

5. It's a time of _____.

1 Corinthians 11:28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (AMP) Test *and* evaluate yourselves *to see* whether you are in the faith *and* living your lives as [committed] believers. Examine yourselves [not me]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [by an ongoing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test *and* are rejected as counterfeit? ⁶ But I hope you will acknowledge that we do not fail the test *nor* are we to be rejected.

As you take communion today . . .

- ❖ What are the adjustments you need to make in your life?

6. It's a time of purification and _____.

1 John 1:7-9 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

When you take communion today . . .

- ❖ What sin do you need to confess? What areas of your life do you need to surrender to His Lordship?

7. It's a time of _____.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

As you take communion today . . .

- ❖ If you knew Jesus was coming back 30 days from today how would it change the way you live?

Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

All scriptures are NIV unless otherwise noted.