

# 1 PETER 2:24-25 “ETERNAL HEALING BY HIS STRIPES”

**24** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— **by whose stripes you were healed.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- The phrase “**being dead to sins**” is literally, “having become off with respect to sins.” It speaks of the action of God in breaking the power of the sinful nature in the sinner when he puts his faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior. Henceforth he need not be a slave to sin. <sup>1</sup>

## **Romans 6:10-14**

**10** For *the death* that He died, He died to sin **once for all**; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

**11** Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**12** Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts.

**13** And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

**14** **For sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

- The word “**stripes**” in the Greek presents a picture of our Lord’s lacerated back after the scourging He endured at the hands of the Roman soldier. The Romans used a scourge of cords or thongs to which latter were attached pieces of lead or brass, or small, sharp-pointed bones. Criminals condemned to crucifixion were ordinarily scourged before being executed. The victim was stripped to the waist and bound in a stooping position, with the hands behind the back, to a post or pillar. The suffering under the lash was intense. The body was frightfully lacerated. The Christian martyrs at Smyrna about A.D. 155 were so torn by the scourges that their veins were laid bare, and the inner muscles and sinews and even the bowels were exposed. The Greek word translated “stripes” refers to a bloody wale trickling with blood that arises under a blow. **The word is singular, not plural.** Peter remembered the body of our Lord after the scourging, the flesh

<sup>1</sup>Wuest, K. S. (1997, c1984). *Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament : For the English reader* (1 Pe 2:24). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

so dreadfully mangled that the disfigured form appeared in his eyes as one single bruise. <sup>2</sup>

- **There is no room for physical healing in this phrase**
  - This a reference to our eternal healing from sin by Christ's sacrifice made once and for all.
- **The cross was the end of a judicial issue.**
  - **What Jesus accomplished there was also the end of a Judicial issue:**
    - **"It is finished!" – Jesus declaration of "account paid in full!"**

**John 17:1-5 (praying in Gethsemane)**

**1** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

**2** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

**3** And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

**4** I have glorified You on the earth.

**I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.**

**5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**John 19:28-30 (upon the cross)**

**28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **"I thirst!"**

**29** Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth.

**30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

## **Why did Jesus finish this "work" His Father gave Him?**

**25** For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- **We were all lost sheep**
- **We had no means of returning to our Shepherd except through His cross.**

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid (*lit.:* "has caused to land on Him") on Him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>2</sup> Wuest, K. S. (1997, c1984). *Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament : For the English reader* (1 Pe 2:24). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

- Like a blessed Shepherd He did what He had to in order to bring us back to Him:

**John 10:11-18**

**11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.**

**12** But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

**13** The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

**14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

**15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**16** And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

**17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.**

**18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.**

**This command I have received from My Father."**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16**

**11** 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

**12** As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.

**13** And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

**14** I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

**15** I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD.

**16** "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."