

FIFTY REASONS FOR THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
A Sermon Series of Easter Week
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INTRODUCTION: The meaning of the word “passion”:

1. Sexual desire.
2. Zeal for a cause.
3. An Oratorio by J.S. Bach.
4. The sufferings of Jesus.

The uniqueness of the Passion of Christ:

1. He was God on the Cross.
2. He was Innocent on the Cross.
3. He was Voluntarily on the Cross.
4. He was Spiritually Suffering on the Cross.

The abuses of the Passion of Christ:

1. The Crusades.
2. The Holocaust.
3. A Lack of Compassion for the Lost.

The vindication of the Passion of Christ:

1. The Resurrection of Christ.
2. The Redemption of the Christian.
3. The Return of Christ.

Isa. 53:1-10

PROPOSITION: Today we shall consider the first ten of fifty reasons for the Passion of the Christ.

I. TO ABSORB THE WRATH OF GOD.

A. The Breadth of His Holiness and the Depth of Our Sin Demands God’s Wrath.

B. Gal. 3:13; Rom. 3:25; 1 John 4:10.

II. TO PLEASE HIS HEAVENLY FATHER.

A. Christ's Love for His Father is Greater Even than His Love for Us!

B. Isa. 53:10; Eph. 5:2.

III. TO LEARN OBEDIENCE AND BE PERFECTED.

A. Christ's Suffering and Pain Proved His Worthiness as the Savior of Mankind.

B. Heb. 2:10; 5:8.

IV. TO ACHIEVE HIS OWN RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

A. The Death of Christ was the Price that Attained is Resurrection.

B. Heb. 13:20, 21.

V. TO SHOW THE WEALTH OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE FOR SINNERS.

A. The Measure of God's Love is Twofold:

1. The Degree of His Sacrifice in Saving Us.

2. The Degree of Our Unworthiness Before He Saved Us.

B. Rom. 5:7-8; John 3:16; Eph. 1:7.

VI. TO SHOW US HIS OWN LOVE FOR US.

A. The Passion Not Only Demonstrates the Father's Love for Us; It Demonstrates the Savior's Love.

B. Eph. 5:2, 25; Gal. 2:20.

VII. TO CANCEL THE LEGAL DEMANDS OF THE LAW AGAINST US.

A. "Good Deeds" Can Never Outweigh "Bad Deeds."

B. Col. 2:13.

VIII. TO BECOME A RANSOM FOR MANY.

A. Christ Paid a Ransom that will Free Us from the Condemnation of God.

B. Mark 10:45; Rom. 8:1; John 10:18.

IX. FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS.

A. Forgiveness is Giving Away the Right to Get Even!

B. Eph. 1:7; Matt. 26:28.

X. TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION.

A. Forgiveness Implies that I am Guilty; Justification Declares Me “Not Guilty!”

B. Rom. 3:24, 28; 5:9;

APPLICATION: What do these reasons for the Passion mean to you?

1. Look to the Cross.
2. Look in Your Heart.
3. Look to the Cross Again.
4. Receive Christ in Your Heart.
5. Look to the Cross.