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| **Isaiah 53:1-12**  Who has believed what he has heard from us?  And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  **2** For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. **3**He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  **4** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5**But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. **6**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. **8**By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? **9** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.  **10** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **11**Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. | **Today: May 29, 2022**  Welcome: READING: Isaiah 53:1-12  Worship in Song:   * Gathering Song * O Praise the Name * Set a Fire * Build My Life   Teaching of the WORD: I John   * Communion   Worship through Giving   * O’ Lord my Rock & My Redeemer * I’m Going Free   **Upcoming Events:**  **FATHERS DAY:** June 19, 2022 We will be having Church at 10:30 am  ***THE WORKSHOP:***  **NEXT MEETING JUNE 22, 7:30 am**. Open to all men who want to learn and grow in what it means to serve the church. This is an ongoing study that will typically meet the last Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Robb Besosa’s woodshop located at 460 Salt Creek Road.  **New Sermon Series:**  “The Christian and…”  May 29: The Christian & Christ; Philippians 3:10 – B. Porter  June 5: The Christian & Unity; 1 Cor 1-3 – R. Besosa  June 12: The Christian & Culture – 5:6-8 - R. Besosa  June 19: The Christian & Femininity; Gen 1:26-28 I. Smith  June 26: The Christian & Joyful Giving; 2 Cor 8:8-15 - I. Smith  July 3: The Christian & Their Government; Rom 13:1-7 – R.Besosa  July 10: The Christian & Technology; 1 Cor 10:1-14 – R.Besosa  July 17: The Christian & Spiritual Gifts; 1 Cor 12 – R.Besosa  July 24: The Christian & Family; - J. Harriosn  July 31: The Christian & End times; 1 Cor 15:50-58; R. Besosa  eaders, the family, etc. |

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| **The Christian and… Christ**  Philippians 3:10  Vine & Branch Community Church  May 29, 2022 |

Our Text: Phil 3:10 – “*that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death*”

1. God sent His Son, so that we may know Him and have a relationship with Him.

Christianity is not a religion; it is a relationship of Knowing Him and bringing glory to Him.

God created us for a love relationship.

*“Everything in your Christian Life, everything about knowing Him and experiencing Him, everything about knowing his will depends on the quality of your love relationship with God.”* – Henry Blackaby

Matthew 22:37-38 “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.* ***38*** *This is the great and first commandment.”*

1. Do you love God with all your Heart?

God himself pursues a love relationship with you. He takes the initiative to bring you into this relationship. He created you for fellowship with Himself. That is the purpose of your life.

We have fellowship with Him in: prayer, engrafting his word, serving Him and others, obeying him, even suffering for him.

You don’t love the Lord with all your hear apart from knowing him deeply.

1. We are going to look at 3 different hearts in the Bible today. Three biblical examples of knowing Christ:
2. The Rich Young Man (Mark 10:17) – Example of a DIVIDED heart
3. Philip (John 14:8) – Example of a DISTRACTED heart
4. Paul (Phil 3:10) – Example of a DEVOTED Heart

Application = “Do I know and love God the Father?”

1. Can you describe your relationship with God by sincerely saying, “I love you with all my heart?”

1. Is my love relationship with Christ the single most important think in my life above everything else? Do I have a divided heart or a distracted heart?
2. Am I completely devoted to him, to live for Him and others?