**Bitten & Smitten**

***Isaiah 53: 3 – 12***

*v. 4a,* “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.”

**We’ve All Been Bitten by the Curse of Sin.**

*Romans 3: 9 – 12 & 23,* “We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: ‘There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless, there is no one who does good, not even one… For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

*v. 4b,* “We esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.”

**The Bite of Sin Has a Deadly Consequence.**

*Romans 5: 12 & 6: 23,* “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned… For the wages of sin is death…”

*vv. 5 & 12b,* “He was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace… He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors…”

**The Consequence for Sin Was Put on the Lamb.**

*Hebrews 2: 17,* “For this reason Christ had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.”

*v. 12c,* “He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

**Believers Will Walk in the Freedom of Forgiveness.**

*Acts 10: 43,* “All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”