

Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

In the mid-20th century before kidney dialysis was commonplace and transplants were fodder for science fiction, there was a young boy on the West coast whose kidneys were infecting rather than cleansing his blood. An intrepid medical researcher suggested that perhaps this patient could be hooked up to someone whose blood type matched his own, so that the healthy person's blood would circulate in the patient and bring cleansing of the infection.

The boy's father was found to be a match and the two were put in an operating room where their blood systems were linked together. Doctors were amazed as the boy's fever diminished, equalizing with the normal temperature of his father. After nine days, the healthy lad was released from the hospital while his father remained under observation.

Tragically, two days later, the father's body temperature spiked and he died. This father sacrificially gave his blood so that his son might live. What an illustration this is of the greatest Sacrifice ever made. Jesus Christ became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God! He took our blood that was polluted by sin and exchanged it for His own, shed on the cross for the remission of our sins - past, present and future. He died so that we might have life and have it abundantly in His name.

Know today that you have royal blood flowing through your veins; blood that has been cleansed of all unrighteousness. This blood paid in full for your salvation, healing and deliverance from all of the powers of the enemy. Receive today the fullness of His finished work on the cross for you.