

We can be confident of
our faith at Easter.

He bore our sin, fear, greed, hate,
hopelessness, sickness, death, and
doubt.

1 John 4:18-19

18 There is no **fear** in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:20-21

20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet **hates** his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

21 And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Lamentations 3:21-23

21 Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have **hope**:

22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are **healed**.

James 1:5-8

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

6 But when he asks, he must believe and not **doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

1 Corinthians 15:55

"Where, O **death**, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are **without excuse.**

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- He will be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9; Matthew 26:49).
 - The price of his betrayal will be thirty pieces of silver. (Zech 11:12; Matthew 26:15).
 - His betrayal money will be cast to the floor of my temple. (Zechariah 11:13, Matthew 27:5).
 - His betrayal money will be used to buy a potter's field. (Zech 11:13; Matthew 27:7).
 - He will be forsaken and deserted by his disciples (Zech 13:7; Mark 14:50).
 - He will be accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11; Matthew 26:59-60).
 - He will be silent before his accusers (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12).

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- He will be wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 27:26).
 - He will be hated without a cause (Psalm 69:4; John 15:25).
 - He will be struck and spit on (Isaiah 50:6 Matthew 26:67).
 - He will be mocked, ridiculed, and rejected (Isaiah 53:3; Matthew 27:27-31; and John 7:5, 48).
 - He will collapse from weakness (Ps 109:24-25; Luke 23:26)
 - He will be taunted with specific words (Ps 22:6-8; Mathew 27:39-43)
 - People will shake their heads at him (Psalm 109:25; Matthew 27:39)

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- People will stare at him (Ps 22:17 Luke 23:35).
 - He will be executed among “sinners” (Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38)
 - His hands and feet will be pierced (Psalm 22:16 Luke 23:33)
 - He will pray for his persecutors (Isaiah 53:12 Luke 23:34)
 - His friends and family will stand afar off and watch (Psalms 38:11; Luke 23:49)
 - His garments will be divided and won by the casting of lots (Psalm 22:18; John 19 23-24).
 - He will thirst (Psalm 69:21; John 19:28).

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- He will be given gall and vinegar (Psalm 69:21; Matthew 27:34).
 - He will commit himself to God (Psalm 31:5; Luke 23:46).
 - His bones will be left unbroken (Psalm 34:20; John 19:33).
 - His heart will rupture (Psalm 22:14; John 19:34).
 - His side will be pierced (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34).
 - Darkness will come over the land at midday (Amos 8:9; Matthew 27:45).
 - He will be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60).

Deuteronomy 30

19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.

Conclusion

He bore our sin, fear, greed, hate, hopelessness, sickness, death, and doubt...But we must choose life.