MORNING WORSHIP 30 December 2012

Text: Isaiah 53

Title: "BY HIS KNOWLEDGE MY RIGHTEOUS SERVANT SHALL JUSTIFY MANY"

(I) JUSTIFICATION

- 1. Working definition of "Justification"
 - a) God declares sinners "justified" through faith (Romans 4:5)
 - b) God imputes righteousness to sinners (Romans 4:6)
- 2. How does this work?
 - a) By grace (Romans 3:24)
 - b) By faith (Romans 3:28)
 - c) By blood (Romans 5:9)
 - d) By His knowledge (Isaiah 53:11b)

(II) BY HIS KNOWLEDGE (Isaiah 53:11b)

- 1. Knowledge that He must be the perfect offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10c)
- 2. Knowledge that He must bear mankind's iniquities (Isaiah 53:11c)
- 3. Knowledge that He must pour out his soul unto death (Isaiah 53:12c)
- 4. Knowledge that He must be numbered among transgressors (Isaiah 53:12d)
- 5. Knowledge that He must make intercession for transgressors (Isaiah 53:12e)

(III) INAPPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Unbelief

"Who has believed...?" Isaiah 53:1

- 2. Despised and rejected (Isaiah 53:3a)
- 3. Poorly esteemed (Isaiah 53:3d)
- 4. Misunderstood (Isaiah 53:4c)

(IV) APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Seek justification

- a) Many will be justified (Isaiah 53:11b)
- b) But not all

2. Seek identification

- a) Recognition of Jesus
- b) Appreciation of Jesus
- c) Deepening of knowledge of Jesus
- d) Commitment to His ministry of redemption