

TRANS
AND
THE
GOSPEL:
WEEK 4

Why do people sin?

Broken creation?

Social pressures?

Life experiences?

Sinful desires or reactions?

What are we asking people to do?

Repent?

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Detransition?

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,

"The Lord will surely separate me from his people";

and let not the eunuch say,

"Behold, I am a dry tree."

4 For thus says the Lord:

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,

who choose the things that please me

and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls

a monument and a name

better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off. (Is 56:3-5)



We are asking people - and ourselves- to suffer and hope.

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.

Isaiah 53:1-3

Do we introduce people to a Jesus who knew suffering?

Christian suffering, then, is a comprehensive reality that includes everything in our lives in this present order, borne for Christ and done in his service. Suffering with Christ includes not only monumental and traumatic crises, martyrdom and overt persecution, but it is to be a daily reality (cf. Luke 9:23: 'take up his cross daily'); it involves the mundane frustrations and unspectacular difficulties of our everyday lives—when these are endured for the sake of Christ. - Richard Gaffin

Are we a people who suffer well?

