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The Extrusion of Christ

John 19:25-27

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Introduction

Words of appreciation to Church and to Pastor!

The dream God gave me the same night that Pastor asked me to speak!

As clear as day: **“The Extrusion of Christ”**

I wasn't sure whether to be:

1. Honored that He spoke to me so clearly!
2. Offended that He knew I was going to need all the help He could give!

Sermon title: “The Extrusion of Christ”

Extrusion = Defined as “to force, press or push”

It's an engineering term that describes the “reshaping and fabrication of a solid or liquid by means of intense heat and pressure using a die or mold with the objective of exponentially increasing the value of the original raw materials.”

To understand the universal and all-encompassing benefits of extrusion, you have to understand that virtually every durable good that you buy at Walmart, Costco, on Amazon or at the car dealership has been manufactured through the process of extrusion. The tires on your car, the tile on your floors, the TV in your living room, the computer on your desk, the windows in your house, the dishes and flatware in your kitchen and even the shoes on your feet!

Illustration: Pull out your smart phone

Take a look at it – it's a masterpiece of engineering!

Every bit of plastic, wire, glass, chrome, the processors, the battery, the charging cables and even the packaging are all the result of extrusion, transforming relatively inexpensive raw materials into something significantly more valuable.

How much more valuable you might ask?

Prior to extrusion, all the raw materials used to make your phone are worth approximately \$1.03!!!

But because of extrusion, approximately half a pound of raw materials cost you approximately \$800!!

I The Extrusion of Christ

So, what does extrusion have to do with the suffering of Christ? Everything!!

1. The raw materials were of little value – Isaiah 53:1-3

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

2. The extrusion process was intense – Isaiah 53:4-10a

Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
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.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering,

3. The value-added was priceless! – Isaiah 53:10b-12

... he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
 and he will bear their iniquities.
 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
 and he will divide the spoils with the strong
 because he poured out his life unto death,
 and was numbered with the transgressors.
 For he bore the sin of many,
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

II The Submission of Christ

There are three important facts when considering extrusion:

1. The raw materials of your smart phone are void of free will and incapable of feelings! They had no choice!
2. Jesus Christ, on the other hand, being fully man, possessed both free will and the capacity to experience the brutal agony of the cross and, nonetheless, obeyed the Father and willingly went to the cross!

Consequently, the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ:

1. Was perfected through what He suffered
 Hebrews 2:10 “In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.
2. Became the source of eternal life for all who obey Him
 Hebrews 5:8-9 “Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.”
3. Likewise, as His followers, we have free will, experience pain and, likewise are made perfect through suffering.

Romans 12:1-2 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform to the pattern (mold, die) of this world, but be transformed (extrusion) by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Peter 1:6-7 “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith -- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire -- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

III The Humility of Christ

1. He wanted the world to be forgiven and reconciled to the Father
 Luke 23:34 “Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”
2. He responded compassionately and personally to the repentant thief
 Luke 23:43 “Jesus answered him, 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise.'”
3. He made the care for His immediate family a priority
 John 19:26-27 “When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Dear woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”
4. He transparently and honestly cried out to His Father in prayer in His time of need
 Matthew 27:46 “About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, '*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*' --which means, '*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*'”
5. He revealed and exposed the frailties of His humanity
 John 19:28 “Later, knowing that all now was completed, and so that the scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.'”
6. He affirmed that God’s redemptive plan through His death on the cross was fulfilled, completed and accepted by the Father.
 John 19:30 “When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.
7. He surrendered, submitted and yielded His life unreservedly to the Father
 Luke 23:46 "Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Conclusion

1. Biblical definition of extrusion:
 “The reshaping and fabrication of a broken, sinful and worthless world by means of the extrusion of Jesus Christ on the cross with the objective of radically transforming men and women into sons and daughters of the Most High God!”

Think about that every time you pick up your smart phone!

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