

Biblical Notes – Isaiah 53:6

6 – All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

וּפָלְנוּ כַּצֹּאֵן תַּעֲלִיבוּ אִישׁ לְדֶרֶכוֹ פָּגַינוּ וַיהוָה הִפְקִיעַ בּוֹ אֶת עֲוֹן כָּלֵנוּ

“The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isa 53:6). Notice that this verse does not say: “The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquities of all,” which is what some men twist it to mean. No, instead of so saying, the “all” is definitely and carefully qualified thus: “The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Who the “us” refers to is made plain in the next verse: “For the transgression of my people was he stricken” (Isa 53:8). If further proof be required that the “all” is limited, it is furnished by another statement in the same chapter, for in verse 12 we read: “And he bare the sin of many.” This restriction is meaningless if Christ bore the sin of everybody.”

—— A.W. Pink, The Atoning Sacrifice of Christ.