Vicarious Sacrifice: Isaiah 53:5: Jesus' "Bruise" Is Literal from Brutality but Judicial from the Imputation of Mankind's Sins, the Spiritual Wound Is Sewn Together by Reconciliation; There Is No Physical Healing in Atonement but Spiritual Healing from Jesus' Work & the Believer's Faith; Isaiah 53:6: All Have Gone Astray Wandering As Sheep

- 42. Jesus' bruise was far more than that in two ways. Physically, He suffered incomprehensible brutality followed by His soul receiving the undeserved judicial imputation of humanity's sins.
- 43. The verb "are sewn together" is the Niphal passive perfect participle of רְפָא (*rapha*'): "to heal, to make fresh, restored to health."
- 44. These definitions refer to literal healing, but in this context they refer to spiritual healing. Peter quotes Isaiah 53:5 in:

**1 Peter 2:24** - He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (NASB)

- 45. There is no physical healing in atonement as many conclude from Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24. The healing made available at the cross is the healing of the soul.
- 46. A totally depraved person can have the enmity, that has ripped asunder the relationship between him and God, sewn together by the non-meritorious decision to express his faith in Christ for salvation.

**Isaiah 53:6** - All of us like sheep have gone astray, each one of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. (NASB)

- 1. "All of us" refer to the entire human race. Every person is born with a sin nature and as a result he is destined to "go astray."
- 2. Because of this, we each are classified as sheep, the smartest of all animals perfectly illustrating the dumbest of them.

- The verb "gone astray" is the Qal perfect of תְּעָה (ta'ah): "to wander about." Sheep have no sense of direction and neither do humans.
- 4. This can be observed by people who have made no serious effort to inform themselves about important subjects.
- 5. Children were originally sent to school to acquire working knowledge of grammar, literature, diction, spelling, composition, mathematics, science, economics, government, history, art, and music.
- 6. These subjects provided a foundation for advanced studies on the collegiate level and beyond.
- 7. Most of these have suffered the intrusion of progressive propaganda so that today's graduates' mind-set has been molded by the propaganda of the Dark Side.
- 8. As a result, the modern graduate is highly educated in the lie and their ideas and actions consistently chip away at the culture's foundational principles.
- 9. While each year this body politic gets additional reinforcements, the farther away from stability the country becomes.
- 10. Corralled within a politically organized, single governmental authority called the public school, its graduates annually increase the tendency of these sheep to aimlessly wander about.
- 11. Not only ignoring Jesus as the Shepherd, every effort is made to suppress the Shepherd so they can without bother continue down their road to destruction.