

THE SUFFERING CHRIST

I PETER 2:21-25

Introduction:

- A. The Christian is unique among religions.
 - 1. The plan of salvation.
 - 2. By grace, plus nothing, minus nothing.
 - 3. It is the gift of God.

- B. All other religions and many Christian denominations teach self-deliverance.
 - 1. They have sacred places, sacred acts, sacred people.
 - 2. In true Christianity, there is a sacred person, Jesus!

- C. How can God give us salvation?
 - 1. What is the basis of forgiveness?
 - 2. Eph 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

- D. The suffering Christ, the shed blood is the ground upon which we stand.
 - 1. Why as I saved. The blood of Jesus.
 - 2. Why will I never be forsaken? The Blood of Jesus.
 - 3. Why will I go to heaven? The Blood of Jesus.
 - 4. Why is it all taken care of ? The Blood of Jesus.

I. WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO LIVE WITHOUT SUFFERING. V21

- A. "for even hereunto were ye called."
 - 1. This is a part of our calling.
 - 2. "to such an experience you have been called."

- B. "because Christ also suffered for us."
 - 1. We cannot deny this.
 - 2. suffered = to be affected by anything from without

- C. "leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps"

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1. us = this is for saved people.
2. example = a writing copy, hence a pattern.
3. steps = a footstep.

II. JESUS WAS WITHOUT SIN. V22

- A. "who did no sin."
1. He did no wrong.
 2. Nothing deceitful ever found on His lips.
- B. "neither was guile found in His mouth."
1. No wicked insinuations.
 2. No hidden traps, no enticing words.

III. JESUS DID NOT PUNISH HIS TORMENTORS. V23

- A. "who when he was reviled, reviled not again."
1. reviled = to rail at, verbal abuse.
 2. When insulted he offered none in return.
- B. "when he suffered, he threatened not."
1. threatened = to hold out promises.
 2. Did not allow others to take up His cause.
- C. "but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously"
1. Committed His cause to Him (God).
 2. God will judge the lost who make His people suffer.
 3. What else can we do? I Cor. 5:11-13.

IV. JESUS, IN SO DOING BECAME OUR SIN BEARER. V24

- A. "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."
1. "He carried the burden of our sins in His own body."
 2. Jesus became the Anti-type of the O.T. type of transfer of guilt.

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- B. "that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:"
 - 1. "that we might cease to live for sin and live the good life."
 - 2. Eph. 2:8-9.

- C. "by whose stripes ye were healed."
 - 1. "It was the suffering that He bore that has healed you."

V. WHAT WE WERE AND WHAT WE ARE. V25

- A. "For ye were as sheep going astray."
 - 1. "for ye were continually straying like sheep."

- B. "but are now returned unto the shepherd and Bishop of your souls."
 - 1. "now you have returned to your Shepherd, the guardian who keeps you safe from all attacks."

