

I. WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO ENDURE UNJUST SUFFERING LIKE CHRIST (1 PETER 2:18-21)

- A. Unjust suffering is part of the Christian life (**1 Peter 2:18-20; 3:14, 17; 4:19**)
- B. We find favor with God when we endure while being mindful of God (**1 Peter 2:19**)
- C. Christ suffered unjustly, leaving us an example to follow (**1 Peter 2:21**)
 - 1. Jesus left a pattern for us to follow (**Matthew 16:24-25**)
 - 2. The focus of Jesus' pattern is not the circumstances, but his response (**Hebrews 12:1-3; Isaiah 53:7**)

II. CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE (1 PETER 2:22-24)

- A. Peter probably has Jesus' crucifixion in mind (**1 Peter 2:22-24; Mark 15:29-32**)
 - 1. Jesus did not respond in kind, but was silent (**Isaiah 53:7**)
 - 2. One of the purposes for the cross is that we live to righteousness (**1 Peter 2:24; Romans 6:13**)
- B. The righteous life is exhibited in Jesus who is our example of how to endure unjust suffering (**1 Peter 2:22-23**)
 - 1. Jesus was sinless (**1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21**)
 - 2. Jesus showed us how to respond (**1 Peter 2:23; Hebrews 12:3**)
- C. We need Jesus' example because there is a deeply rooted justification for getting even, to return evil for evil, and to hold on to bitter grudges (**1 Peter 3:8-9; Ephesians 4:31**)

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER JESUS WHO BORE OUR SINS (1 PETER 2:24)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

- 1. What does it mean to suffer unjustly? How did Jesus suffer unjustly?
- 2. How is Jesus’ unjust suffering an example for us? What is the focus of Jesus’ example?
- 3. What is one of the purposes for Jesus’ crucifixion? How does living to righteousness bring glory to God?
- 4. How does Jesus’ response to unjust suffering differ from the way many people respond?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD (CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS (WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)

Favor —

Emulate —

Revile —

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD