



- 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)

1 PETER 2:21-24

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² *“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”*

²³ *When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. What does it mean to suffer unjustly? How did Jesus suffer unjustly?

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2. How is Jesus' unjust suffering an example for us? What is the focus of Jesus' example?

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3. What is one of the purposes for Jesus' crucifixion? How does living to righteousness bring glory to God?

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4. How does Jesus' response to unjust suffering differ from the way many people respond?

5. Why do you think we try to justify getting even, or returning evil for evil, or holding on to bitter grudges? How does this show our need of Jesus' example?