



I Peter 2:21-26 Suffering in Sanctification, part 2

III. The Calling. 21-24.

A. The Nature of our call.

1. The believer has been called to godly suffering.

For even hereunto were ye called

2. Christ is the pioneer of godly suffering. *because Christ also suffered for us*

B. The Pattern of our call.

1. The power of our Pattern. *leaving us an example*

2. The purpose of our Pattern. *that ye should follow his steps*

3. The character of our Pattern.

- 1) What Christ did not do when He suffered.

- i. He did not sin. *Who did no sin.*

- ii. He did not deceive. *neither was guile found in his mouth.*

- iii. He did not hate. *Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again.*

- iv. He did not promise revenge. *when he suffered, he threatened not.*

- 2) What Christ did do when He suffered.

- i. He committed himself to God's justice.

but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

- ii. He bore the consequences of his enemies' faults.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree

- iii. He paved the way for his enemies to be transformed.

that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness

- iv. He made it possible for his enemies to be healed.

by whose stripes ye were healed.

IV. The Change. 25.

A. What we were.

1. Every believer has a previous identity. *For ye were*

2. We were gullible followers. *as sheep*

3. Our nature was to stray from God. *going astray*

B. What we are.

- a. Every believer has a new identity. *but are now*

- b. We have returned. *returned*

- c. He is and always has been our great Guide, Provider, and Protector.

unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

This I most firmly believe, that no one ought to expect to see much good resulting from his labors in word and doctrine if he is not much given to prayer and meditation.

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