



"Satisfaction in Suffering" (Part 7)

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1 Peter 2:24a



18 Servants, submit yourselves to your masters with all fear. Not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are perverse. 19 For this [finds] favor, if out of consciousness toward God, one endures pain when suffering unjustly. 20 For what good would it be if, when you sin and are roughly treated, you endure it? But if you should suffer for doing good and endure it, this finds favor with God. 21 For you have been called for this [purpose], since Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving for you an example so that you might follow in His steps. 22 who committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

23 Who while being reviled, was not reviling in return; while suffering was not uttering threats, but he kept entrusting [Himself] to the One who always judges righteously. 24 He who bore our sin in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wound you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but now you have been turned back by the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

– 1 Peter 2:18-25, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction: Various ways that we suffer...

"We are slaves of the Suffering Servant who are to strive for satisfaction in our sufferings since He suffered for us."

* We suffer with our _____

* We are afflicted with the weakness of our _____ bodies

* We suffer the pain of _____

* We suffer _____ for our faith

–The connection to Hebrews 12:10-12

I. Servants are to Submit Themselves to their Masters (18)

II. God Blesses us when we Suffer well (19-20)

III. We have been Sovereignly Called by God to Suffer Well (21a)

- A. We can be satisfied with suffering because Christ suffered for us (21b)
- B. We can be satisfied with suffering because Christ left us a living example (21c-23)
- C. We can be satisfied with suffering because Christ died for us (24)
 - 1. Five times in the New Testament the phrase "once for all" is used of Christ's death
 - a. Greek "hapax" (an unrepeatable act)
 - 2. Isaiah 53:4,5,11 and the connection to suffering
 - a. Jesus suffered in His life
 - b. The apex of His suffering was in His _____
 - 3. The verb "bore" = anapherō
 - a. Note the prepositions
 - 4. Propitiation and expiation
 - a. Propitiation
 - b. Expiation
 - 5. What about the word "tree" or "cross" (Xulon)?
 - 6. The specific reason for Christ's death that's cited in verse 24: "So that we might die to _____ and live to _____"
 - 7. The connection to suffering

Conclusion