

# Repeated Calls to Suffer

**Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor**  
**Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church**  
**101 E Walnut St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408**  
**jeffwinfrey1954@gmail.com**  
**Facebook: *Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church***

## **I. The recurring theme of Peter's call for suffering (and meekness in suffering)**

**1Pe 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

**1Pe 3:16** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

**1Pe 3:17** For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

**1Pe 3:18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

## **II. Peter's continuing call for us to have a willingness to suffer for Jesus' sake**

**1Pe 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the **strangers scattered**<sup>(1)</sup>...

**1Pe 1:6** ...if need be, ye are **in heaviness through manifold temptations**:<sup>(2)</sup>

**1Pe 1:7** That the trial of your faith ... be **tried with fire**<sup>(3)</sup>...

**1Pe 1:11** Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand **the sufferings of Christ**<sup>(4)</sup>...

1Pe 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.  
The **grass withereth**,<sup>(5)</sup> and the **flower thereof falleth away**:<sup>(6)</sup>

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as **strangers and pilgrims** <sup>(7)</sup>...

1Pe 2:12 ...that, whereas **they speak against you as evildoers** <sup>(8)</sup>...

1Pe 2:13 **Submit yourselves ... to the king** <sup>(9)</sup>...

1Pe 2:15 For so is the will of God, that **with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men**.<sup>(10)</sup>

1Pe 2:18 **Servants, be subject to your masters** <sup>(11)</sup> with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also **to the froward**.<sup>(12)</sup>

1Pe 2:19 For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God **endure grief**,<sup>(13)</sup> **suffering wrongfully**.<sup>(14)</sup>

1Pe 2:20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be **buffeted for your faults**,<sup>(15)</sup> ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye **do well, and suffer for it**,<sup>(16)</sup> ye **take it patiently**,<sup>(17)</sup> this *is* acceptable with God.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered** <sup>(18)</sup> for us, leaving us an example, that ye should **follow his steps**:<sup>(19)</sup>

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Pe 2:23 Who, when **he was reviled**,<sup>(20)</sup> **reviled not again**,<sup>(21)</sup> **when he suffered**,<sup>(22)</sup> **he threatened not** <sup>(23)</sup>...

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self **bare our sins in his own body** <sup>(24)</sup> on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes** <sup>(25)</sup> ye were healed.

1Pe 3:1 ...**wives, be in subjection** <sup>(26)</sup> to your own husbands...

1Pe 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, **being in subjection unto their own husbands**:<sup>(27)</sup>

1Pe 3:9 **Not rendering evil for evil**,<sup>(28)</sup> or **railing for railing**:<sup>(29)</sup> but **contrariwise blessing**,<sup>(30)</sup> knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him **refrain his tongue from evil**,<sup>(31)</sup> and his lips that they **speak no guile**:<sup>(32)</sup>

1Pe 3:14 But and if ye **suffer for righteousness' sake**,<sup>(33)</sup> happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of **their terror**,<sup>(34)</sup> neither be troubled;

1Pe 3:15 ...*be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you **with meekness**<sup>(35)</sup> and fear:

1Pe 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, **whereas they speak evil of you**,<sup>(36)</sup> as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1Pe 3:17 For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye **suffer for well doing**,<sup>(37)</sup> than **for evil doing**.<sup>(38)</sup>

1Pe 3:18 For **Christ also hath once suffered**<sup>(39)</sup> for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh**,<sup>(40)</sup> but quickened by the Spirit:

### III. *Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*

#### A. Good conversation

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

1Pe 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.

#### B. Good conscience

1Pe 2:19 For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

Rom 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

**Act 24:16** And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.

**Heb 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

**Heb 9:13** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

**Heb 9:14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

#### ***IV. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.***

**1Pe 4:19** Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**Mat 26:39** And he ...fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

**1Pe 1:6** ...though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

#### ***V. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins***

##### **A. Christ hath suffered**

**1Pe 2:21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

**1Pe 4:1** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves like- wise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

##### **B. Once suffered**

**Heb 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

**Heb 10:11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

## **VI. *The just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God***

Job 9:2 I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

Rom 4:5 ...believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly...

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved...

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved...

2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...

## **VII. *Being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit***

### **A. Put to death**

Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Joh 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again...

Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

### **B. Quickened by the Spirit**

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

2Co 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God...

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)