

1 Peter 2:21-25

Jesus Christ

our Example & Savior



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The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

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21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. 23 When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. 24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Verse 21

V21 *to this you have been called: suffering (v20)*

- Knowing this “*Beloved do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s suffering, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed*” (1 Peter 4:12)

Because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps

- *Christ also suffered-Silence our complaining (Unfair)*
 - Greatest injustice ever was committed against Jesus (Squash self-pity)
- *Christ also suffered for you-His suffering was ordained (Acts 4:27-28/Isaiah 53) and purposeful*
 - Our suffering is ordained and purposeful (1 Peter 1:6/James 1:2-3)
 - One purpose of His suffering: *leaving you an example so that you might follow in His steps* (Pattern to follow)
 - This reveals we could be faithful to God & experience unjust suffering

Verse 21

We are called to suffering, and in our suffering we should follow our example, Jesus Christ

What example did Jesus set?

v22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth

-Contemplate this for a moment (*no sin*) (Heb 4:15)

-*Neither deceit found in His mouth* (Matt 15:18-19/James 3:2)

Isaiah 53 Overlay

1 Peter 2	Isaiah 53
V22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth	V9 Although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.

Verse 23 Christ Example

- *When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten*
 - *Revile*: rail; to heap abuse on (Don't justify your sin)
- God has told us we will suffer injustice, Jesus exemplified how to respond, and Jesus showed us how?
 - v22 *But continued entrusting Himself to Him who justifies justly*
 - To “*entrust*” means to commit or hand over
 - This is a faith issue “*continued entrusting*”
 - With each new trial/suffering keep entrusting

Can we trust the righteous Judge?

- **2 Cor 4:17-18** *For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*
- Remember He is Sovereign and He is “*working all things together for good*” (**Rom 8:28**)

At this point we need to be careful

The lost world will point to Jesus as an “example” of someone to follow, but to look to Jesus as our example can only be done if we also look to Him as our Savior. To attempt to follow Jesus as our example, while not continually remembering what He accomplished as our Savior is hopeless.

Even as true believers we need to be careful here-not to separate Jesus as our Example from Jesus our Savior! It is understanding Him as our Savior, that enables us to follow Him as our Example.

Verse 24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,

-bore-Carry (Jesus carried our sins) (weight/guilt)

- Substitutionary atonement (Imputation)
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** *For our sake He (God) made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin*
- Jesus took our sin on Him “*on the tree*”-Cross
- If we don’t have substitutionary atonement, we have no gospel (Propitiation **Rom 3:25-26 & 1 John 4:10**)

The verse (and the gospel) does not stop there “*that we might die to sin and live to righteousness*”

*-Literally “that to the sins having died, to the righteousness we may live”- “May Live” subjunctive mood; mood of possibility (Believing we are forgiven & dead to sin **Rom 6:11**)*

Verse 24

Jesus Christ accomplished salvation on the cross by bearing our sin (punishment). It is in knowing yourself forgiven, and set free from sin that you “*live to righteousness*”.

V24 by His wounds you are healed:

- wounds*: Atoning death (All suffering/death)
- Jesus said “*it is finished*” **John 19:30**
- “*are healed*”-Indicative mood (Statement of fact)
- Jesus accomplished salvation (applied in faith)
- Do you know your sins forgiven completely in Jesus?
- If not, you can never follow His example until you know this

To “live to righteousness” you must believe you are healed in Jesus (faith battle)

Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2

1 Peter 2

V24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Isaiah 53

V5 But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

Verse 25

For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*-For you were straying like sheep-Us
outside of Christ*

-but have now returned-Repentance

*-returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of
your souls-Jesus is our Shepherd (John 10)*

**Do you have a testimony of “straying” but
now repenting of sin and turning to Jesus in
faith?**

1 Peter 2:21-25 Example and Savior

As a born again Christian, your desire is to please the Lord (follow Christ). Although we are not perfected, we find the hope and strength to follow Him by believing the gospel, and understanding what Jesus accomplished, that you are “healed”.

Reckon this to be true, and live to righteousness to the glory of God