

I Peter

(8) Christ, our Example

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps I Peter 2:21, NASU

Called for this purpose?...IPet.2:21-23

What does Peter say is a *purpose* for our being ‘called’? 2:21; 1:15, 5:10; see 2:20

Doing what is right and patiently enduring suffering (persecution) for it. Favor w/God.

What must have grieved Peter when thinking of this specific admonition? Jn.18:10-11

His action in the garden. Note this was before Peter received the Holy Spirit...

Who is the supreme example for believers during persecution? 2:21; Lu.24:25-26

Christ is our example. For Him, the path to ultimate glory was through His suffering!

How does 2:21 square with current teaching that God wants us healthy, wealthy, and wise?

Jesus was absolutely doing God’s will and He was crucified! He is our example...

What is the point of 2:22? (i.e. was Jesus guilty?) see Is.53:9; Heb.4:15

Peter quotes Is.53. He was absolutely, totally sinless. He was God’s perfect Lamb.

Being totally innocent, how did He respond while being reviled? 2:23a; Is.53:7a

While being reviled He did not revile in return (respond in reviling). Like a Lamb...

And while suffering, how did He respond? 2:23b; Is.53:7b; see Mt.27:39-44

He uttered no threats but kept entrusting Himself to the Father. What an Example!!

...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross 1 Peter 2:24, NASU

The Shepherd and Overseer of your souls...IPet.2:24-25

What KEY part of the Gospel does Peter now teach? 2:24a; 3:18; Gal.3:13; IICor.5:21; Is.53:4-5

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross. His substitutionary death. Jn.10:15-18

He bore *our* sins for what purpose? 2:24b; Is.53:5; Rom.6:3-11;

So that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. Healed by His wounds!

What is the significance of ‘*on the tree*’? 2:24; Deut.21:22-23; Gal.3:13

As a sign of shame, the worst criminals were hung on a tree, cursed of God.

What does Peter quote from Is.53:6 regarding every believer before salvation? 2:25a

We were like straying sheep, wandering, lost, and indifferent to our state!

But, the *good news* is that now...? 2:25b; Jn.10:11-18; Ps.23

Now we have returned to the Shepherd/Overseer of our souls! Drawn to Him.