

Suffering with Jesus

1) Reality that we Suffer with Christ – v. 17

a) Suffering in this Present Time

b) Call to Discipleship is a Call to Suffer

- Luke 9:23-24
- John 15:18-20
- John 16:33
- Acts 9:15-16
- 2 Cor 4:7-11
- 2 Tim 3:12
- Acts 14:22
- 1 Thess 3:2-3
- 2 Thess 1:5
- Heb 10:32-33,35
- 1 Pet 1:6
- 1 Pet 4:12-13
- 1 Pet 5:10
- Rom 5:2-3

2) Ways we Suffer with Christ

a) Reasons for Suffering

1 Peter ways in which Christians may suffer

- Suffering in spite of doing what is right – 2:20b
- Suffering for doing what is right – 3:14
- Suffering for specifically as a Christian – 4:14

b) Types of Suffering

1. Physically
2. Spiritually
3. Socially
4. Family
5. Futility
6. Mentally
7. Temporally
8. Financially

Praxis

1. In what ways do Christians suffer more than others? Less than others?
2. Which of the 7 types of Jesus' suffering do you find hardest to endure? Why?
3. Consider 2 Cor 4:17 – if suffering itself does not “produce” glory for us in eternity, what attitudes in suffering lead to eternal glory? (see surrounding verses)
4. What 2-3 Scriptures are your best response to the assertion that Christians ought not suffer?