

TESTIFY *of* JESUS

THE FIRST & SECOND LETTERS OF PETER | THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Scripture Reading

1 PETER 2:13–25

PETER'S MAIN POINT

Those who have been reconciled to God through faith in Jesus's death are summoned to endure unjust suffering, following Jesus's example in death.

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According to Peter, the crucifixion of Jesus was:

- a. Penal*—paying the legal penalty of lawbreakers
- b. Substitutionary*—not for himself but in our place
- c. Expiatory*—effectively cleansing us and reconciling us to God

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“As for us, from morning until lights-out, whenever we were not in ranks for roll call, our Bible was the center of an ever-widening circle of help and hope. Like [homeless people] clustered around a blazing fire, we gathered [around that Bible], holding out our hearts to its warmth and light. The blacker the night around us grew, the brighter and truer and more beautiful burned the word of God.”

— *Corrie tenBoom*

“But it was one of these mornings while we were waiting, shivering in the corridor, that yet another page in the Bible leapt into life for me.”

“He hung naked on the cross.”

— *Corrie ten Boom*

“To this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
so that you might follow in his steps.”

— *1 Peter 2:21*