

Text: I Peter 2: 11-25

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I Peter 2: 11: Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 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. 13: Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14: Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15: For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16: As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17: Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 18: Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19: For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20: For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. 21: For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

I. CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED

He suffered being a stranger and a pilgrim in this earth.

John 1:11: He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

He suffered being falsely called an evildoer.

Isaiah 53: 3: He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

He suffered submitting himself to every ordinance of man for the Father's sake. Those rulers who crucified him were rulers he put in place.

Romans 13:1:...For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Yet, he honored those to whom honor was due.

Luke 20:25: And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

He loved the brotherhood. He feared God. Honored the kings.

He who is God, as the righteous servant of God, did all this submitting himself to the Father as unto a Master who sent him to perform the work only he could perform.

Philippians 2: 5: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

He suffered patiently at the hands of the froward.

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And who did he do this for?

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II. CHRIST SUFFERED FOR US

For us who hid our faces from him; for us who despised him; for us who esteemed him not; for us who esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. He suffered for us who did not honor him; who did not love him; who had no fear of him; who would not submit to him as our King; we were the froward--the crooked and perverse; we caused him the grief he suffered; we buffeted him throughout all our days of rebellion.

Does this describe you? Are you one of us? If so

Isaiah 53: 4: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5: But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him;

Have you suffered wrongfully? Have you done well and suffered for it. Christ also suffered for us the same way.

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

III. HE LEFT US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS

I Peter 2: 22: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not;

This one who knew no sin, in whose mouth was no deceit, was reviled and suffered, called a winebibber and a gluttonous man, a friend of sinners and publicans by men who were nothing but sin and full of deceit in their hearts.

Matthew 27: 22: Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. 23: And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

Matthew 27: 28: And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 29: And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew 26: 67: Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands, 68: Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

All the while he was fulfilling what the prophet Isaiah wrote:

Isaiah 53: 7: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8: He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9: And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

I Peter 2: 23: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

This is the faith of Christ (Ro 3: 21.) In the same manner that he had committed his cause to the Father throughout his walk on this earth, as he faced the shameful cross, knowing the covenant engagements he entered into before the foundation of the world--to glorify his Father and to save his people from their sins--this Faithful Servant of God and Surety of his people knew:

Isaiah 53: 10: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him

He committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

He knew that he was the one:

Romans 3: 25: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26: To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

He committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

He committed himself to him that judgeth righteously, saying:

John 12: 27: Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28: Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.

4. Oh, try to enter into the faithfulness of our God and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 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.

About the ninth hour he cried, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Luke 23:46: And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Psalms 85: 10: Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

Proverbs 20:28: Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

Isaiah 53: 10: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD

shall prosper in his hand. 11: He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12: Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

I Peter 2: 24: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25: For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

APPLICATION

Christ has left us here to bear witness of him. As we suffer, remember he also suffered for us. In doing so he purged us of all sin, by the Spirit we are made a new creation in Christ, we are perfected forever by his one offering, we are complete in him because he suffered for us. Christ is alive unto God. You are likewise--dead unto sin and alive unto God.

I Peter 4: 1: Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2: That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

First, fleshly lusts do nothing but war against the soul--abstain from them. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man. Give honor to whom honor is due: servants to masters, wives to husbands, children to parents and love one another fervently in the fear of God.

We have the only constraint that will motivate a sinner to do so. If this will not do it no amount of pressure or law or yoking or pushing, pulling or prodding will make you do so...for this is heart motivation:

2 Corinthians 5: 14: For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15: And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Secondly, when you suffer for righteousness sake, commit your cause to the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. Christ our Lord committed his cause to the Father because he trusted him who is faithful. Do we? What our Lord did for us is love. Love submits. Love lays down its life. Love covers a multitude of sins, because Love trusts God.

I Peter 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. 5: 6: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.