

THE SUFFERING CHRISTIAN | 1 PETER 3:13-22

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1 Peter 3:13 (NLT) *Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good?*

DOING GOOD DOES NOT ALWAYS GET US WHAT WE DESERVE

1 Peter 3:9 (ESV) *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing*

Matthew 5:38 (ESV) ³⁸ *“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’* ³⁹ *But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.* ⁴⁰ *And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.* ⁴¹ *And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.* ⁴² *Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.*

GOD HAS GIVEN ME WHAT I DO NOT DESERVE

1 Peter 3:14-15 (NLT) ¹⁴ *But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don’t worry or be afraid of their threats.* ¹⁵ *Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life.*

WHEN WHAT I WORSHIP CHANGES...

- WHAT I FEAR CHANGES
- THE REASON I DO GOOD CHANGES

LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ASK, WHY?

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT) ¹⁵ *And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.* ¹⁶ *But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear.*

FEAR OF MAN WILL KEEP US QUIET;

GOD’S LOVE WILL OPEN OUR MOUTHS

1 Peter 3:16-17 (NLT) ¹⁶ *Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.* ¹⁷ *Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!*

SUFFERING FOR DOING GOOD DEMONSTRATES THAT

THE HOPE OF JESUS OVERCOMES SUFFERING

1 Peter 3:18 (NLT) *Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.*

1 Peter 3:19-22 (NLT) ¹⁹ *So he went and preached to the spirits in prison—* ²⁰ *those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.* ²¹ *And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.* ²² *Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.*

THIS LIFE IS AS CLOSE TO HELL

A CHRISTIAN IS EVER GOING TO GET

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