

Called to SUFFER!

1 Peter 4:12-19

Two Opinions about Christian Suffering

1. Never God's will
2. Power and Grace to overcome suffering

Two Types of Suffering

1. That which we bring on ourselves (vs. 15)
2. That which is caused by outside forces

Suffer For the Faith And For Christ!

1 Peter 4:14 - *If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.* 1 Peter 4:16 - *However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.*

Suffer For Doing Good!

1 Peter 2:20b-21 - *But if you suffer for doing good, and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

Suffer So We Can Minister To Others!

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 – *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.*

Suffer So As To Mold Us Into Christ's Likeness!

Gen. 50:20 *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*