

# *Christ's Suffering And Ours*

**I Peter 3:18-4:6**

I Peter 13

## **Introduction**

Verse 13 is a summary of the gospel.

**(Read vs. 13)**

Jesus suffered. Jesus was put to death. Jesus came back to live again. Jesus brought us to God.

Then we see a description of His suffering and how it relates to our suffering.

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### **I. Spirits In Prison**

**(Read vs. 19-20)**

This is possibly speaking of a time when- after His resurrection- Jesus personally preached in person to the demons (fallen angels) who had rebelled against God and announced His victory over them and over sin.

**II Peter 2:4- *God did not have pity on the angels that sinned. He had them tied up and thrown into the dark pits of hell until the time of judgment.***

**Jude 6- *You also know about the angels who didn't do their work and left their proper places. God chained them with everlasting chains and is now keeping them in dark pits until the great day of judgment.***

This is probably the place here to assure persecuted Christians that Jesus was victorious over those demons who are attacking them.

## **II. Baptism**

**(Read vs 21)**

Baptism is a public sign of a person's accepting Jesus inwardly.

Probably there were people in Peter's day who were avoiding baptism in order to avoid persecution.

Here baptism is encouraged- not because it saves you- but because it is an answer and a profession of what has already happened inwardly.

It is a testimony of inward reality.

## **III. Unity In Suffering**

**(Read vss. 4:1-2)**

Jesus suffered for us- to save us.

We should ALL approach suffering as He did. We should endure it willingly and we should look beyond it to the future and toward God's purpose.

Looking at the cross by itself it is hard to see its ultimate purpose.

When we look at our suffering while we are going through it, it is hard to see its ultimate purpose. But it is there.

Trust God...

**(Read I Peter 2:21-23)**

Hebrews 12:2- ***Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.***

We will never- in this life- be sin free, but suffering has a purifying effect and can begin to free us from sin's power so that we can more and more live for God's will.

Galatians 5:24- ***And those who belong to Christ Jesus have put to death their human nature with all its passions and desires.***

James 3:2- ***All of us do many wrong things. ...***

I John 1:8- ***If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts.***

God's priorities become our priorities.

#### IV. **People Will Think We Are Strange**

(Read verses 3-5)

New Christians are often pressured by old sinful friends and family who think they are strange because they no longer hang out with them.

The world seeks sin.

We certainly want to reach those former friends for Jesus. However, those friends, and their sin can have a bad effect on us.

They can be unhealthy- especially to new Christians.

## **V. Those Who Are Dead**

**(Read vs. 6)**

This is speaking of those people who heard the gospel and were saved, but who later died. These people now live with God for eternity.

### **Conclusion**

We can learn from Jesus' suffering about suffering.

If we are suffering for God, there is an ultimate purpose to it. Now we are not speaking of suffering because we were stupid and sinned.

**(Read I Peter 4:3)**

We are speaking of when we are walking with Jesus and suffer as a result of this walk.

Just as the cross had an ultimate purpose beyond death, so our suffering for Jesus will have an ultimate purpose for God's glory.

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