

Following Christ will also be PAINFUL

IN HIS STEPS part 1, 1 Peter 2:21

Introduction

John 10:27 1 Corinthians 11:1 1 Thessalonians 1:6 2 Thessalonians 3:7ff Philippians 3:17 Hebrews 13:7

21 For YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example [THAT] for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 [WHO] and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 [WHO] and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so THAT we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now YOU HAVE RETURNED to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

2 important PASSIVES

2 sweet PURPOSES

3 descriptive WHO's

#1 The PLAN to walk in His steps includes suffering

For you have been called for this purpose,

Matthew 10:22 John 15:18-20 John 16:33 Acts 14:22 1 Thessalonians 3:3 1 Thessalonians 3:4 2 Timothy 3:12

#2 The PROCESS to walk in His steps is Christ

1st PERSON *since Christ also suffered for you,*

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

1 Corinthians 15:3b Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures

2nd PREPARATION *since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you*

3rd PATTERN *leaving you an example*

4th PURSUIT *leaving you an example for you to follow*

5th PROCEEDURE *to follow in His steps.*

1 What does suffering tell you about your HEART?

Matthew 13:20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away

2 How WILLING are you to suffer?

3 Are you seeking to be an EXAMPLE?

JC Ryle To give children good instruction and a bad example, is but beckoning them with the head to show them the way to heaven, while we take them by the hand and lead them the way of Hell

4 One of sufferings best results is BROKENESS

Brokenness means you live every moment as if you just saw Christ being crucified for each specific sin you've ever committed

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