

**Christ: Our Example of Undeserved Suffering
(1 Peter 2:21-25)**

I. OUR SUFFERING NEEDS TO BE VIEWED IN RELATION TO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU (1 Peter 1:1-12)

II. OUR SALVATION & PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL & PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (1:13-2:10)

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND TRAILS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

- A. An ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE on life – live now, in light of eternity (2:11)**
- B. An INTERNAL VICTORY secured by God's grace (2:11b)**
- C. An EXTERNAL DISPLAY to the lost, of this victory (2:12)**
- D. An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION to CIVIL AUTHORITIES (2:13-17)**
- E. An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION in Your WORK PLACE (2:18-20)**

F. The EXAMPLE of SUBMISSION & UNDESERVED SUFFERING by the Savior (2:21-25)

1. Christ is our _____ of _____ in this life (2:21-23)

- When God saved you what did He call you to experience? (2:21; Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 3:12)

- Why is this the case? (2:21)

- What did Christ leave us? (2:21b)

* There are two reasons we can endure patiently while we may be called on to suffer unjustly:

1) Christ's _____ ... *"to this you were called"* (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

2) Christ is our _____ in life... *"leaving us an example, we should follow in His steps"*

- What did Christ not do when He experienced this undeserved suffering? (2:22-23)

1) “*Who committed _____*”

2) “*Nor was _____ found in His _____*”

3) “*When He was _____, He did not _____*”

4) “*When He _____, He did not _____ in return*”

- What did Christ do when experiencing undeserved suffering? (2:23b)
- Why to Him who judges righteously?

Principle to note: When we suffer for righteousness sake, we should _____ our selves to _____ because He judges _____ ! He will one day make all wrongs _____ !

2. 1 Peter 2:24-25 tells us what Christ’s death accomplished in regard to four issues:

a) In regard to sin... “*He _____ our _____ in His own body on the tree*”

b) In regard to sinners... “*We having _____, might _____ unto righteousness*”

c) In regard to “healing”... “*By whose stripes you were healed*” ... c) this is in reference to...

d) With regard to believers... “*for you were like sheep _____, but now you _____ to the Shepherd & Overseer of your souls*”

- What does all this mean to you?
- What do we need to learn if we plan to “*follow in His steps*”?