

A Biblical Perspective on Suffering: Wanting What You Get!

1 Peter 2:21-25 (Part 1)

I. The Suffering Servant: Jesus Christ's Suffering

- A. Jesus Suffered the Pain of Humiliation*
- B. Jesus suffered physical pain.*
- C. Jesus suffered the pain of disloyalty*
- D. Jesus suffered the pain of unjust guilt and punishment.*
- E. Jesus Christ had to suffer to enter His glory*
- F. Jesus Christ Suffered for doing right*
- G. Jesus Christ Suffered the most on the cross*
- H. Jesus Christ patiently endured all suffering by entrusting Himself to God.*

II. Christians and Suffering

- A. Christians experience both blessing and suffering.*
- B. Christians will suffer for doing right.*
- C. Christians are to patiently endure all suffering by entrusting themselves to God.*
- D. Suffering is used by God to perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.*
- E. Suffering brings Christians closer to Christ.*
- F. Christians will be eternally rewarded for suffering.*
- G. Suffering is a cause for Rejoicing!*

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this passage, ask yourself:

- How does God want my beliefs / actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about that change?