

Enduring Like Christ

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct -

1 Peter 1:14-15

Three truths about reflecting Christ on our conduct:

1. It is the Christian's calling to experience suffering. vv. 18-21a

- 1 Peter 3:8-9

2. Christ's response to suffering is our example to follow. vv. 21-25

a. Christ took our condemnation.

b. Christ provided an example of how to endure suffering.

3. Christians can respond to suffering properly when they are "mindful of God." v. 19

- Luke 23:34

Scripture: I Peter 2:18-25

1. How do you think the unsaved servant would act toward the cruel or unjust master? How about the good master?
2. Does Peter make a distinction in how the believer should respond to the "good and gentle" or "the unjust" master?
3. Discuss how responding in an unexpected or extraordinary way can become an opportunity to share/show Jesus?
4. How does being "mindful of God" help one stand firm in the world as a servant/employee?
5. Reflect on Paul's insights on suffering in Philippians 1:29. How does it relate to Peter's message in his letter?
6. Elaborate on what it means to follow His "example" or "In his steps" (vs 23)?
7. How does Jesus' example of suffering help us stand firm in the world?

Application Questions

Do you sense God challenging you to adjust the way you respond (or react) to authority? Especially, when that authority doesn't align with your convictions.