

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 4:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Suffering The Will Of God” – Part 2

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Lordship, Holiness, Sanctification, Maturity, Judgment

Congregational Reading

1 Peter 4:1-6

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm** yourselves also with **the same mind**, for he who **has suffered** in the flesh **has ceased** from sin, **2** that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for **the lusts of men**, but for **the will of God**. **3** For we have spent **enough** of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles - **when we walked in lewdness, (walked in) lusts, (walked in) drunkenness, (walked in) revelries, (walked in) drinking parties, and (walked in) abominable idolatries**. **4** In regard to these, they think it **strange** that you do not **run with them** in the same flood of **dissipation**, speaking **evil** of you. **5** They will give an **account** to Him who is ready to judge **the living** and **the dead**. **6** For this reason the Gospel was **preached** also to **those who are dead**, that they might be **judged** according to men in the **flesh**, but **live** according to God in the **spirit**.

This “Suffering The Will of God”

“Is The Embracing, The Allowing, The Cooperating With The Will of God for Your Life”

There may be no greater display of faith than when we resign ourselves to the reality, the fact that The Will of God for Your Life is the single most perfect, excellent, liberating and joyous surrender you will ever experience.

Suffering The Will Of God

1.) Having the right attitude about sin

vs. 1-2

1a.) Is to count the cost

vs. 1a

Therefore, since Christ suffered **for us** in the flesh,
ARM yourselves also with **the same mind**, (attitude)

Jesus Christ is our Prototype, Our Hero

- who has shown us what the “Christ-like-life” in this world is to be like

Philippians 2:5

Let this MIND be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

(think on this) **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 (think on this) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** (think on this) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross **9**

(think on this) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** (think on this) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** (think on this) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (think on this)

Suffering The Will Of God

Is To Have The Right Attitude About Sin

1b.) Is to celebrate its defeat

vs. 1b

for he who **has suffered** in the flesh **has ceased** from sin,

In Its Context - Association, Identity is the Point

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **ARM yourselves also with the same mind**, (attitude) for **he who has suffered** in the flesh has ceased from sin, **2** (RESULT OR RESULTING) **that he no longer** should live the rest of his time in the flesh for **the lusts of men**, but for **the will of God**.

This verse is not to be understood to mean that

“Jesus suffered in the flesh and so He has “ceased from sin”

No, this is His deliberate act of association with us as

our representative-mediator, our advocate.

Jesus Had Been Baptized by John,

Being immersed fully under water – buried & clothed as it were with the garments of sin and death – in **association**, in our place!

This verse both includes Jesus Christ as our “Sacrifice” and we the Christian, the believer, the follower of Christ as being the objects of benefit regarding His sacrifice or propitiation!

The Passover Lamb // The Daily Sacrifice,

By the act of faith – they then, we today draw near to this work of God and agree with God – that this is my life and death and life again !!!

Suffering The Will of God

Is to be yielded. Is to be surrendered. Is to concede

Ceased grk: pauo; to do all that is needed to “end it” to “finish it off”. to stop it where it stands, dead in its tracks – Kill It

Colossians 3:5-7

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6**

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, **7** in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

Galatians 5:24-25

And those who are Christ's **have crucified** the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Romans 8:29-35

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He pre-destined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. **31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? **33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.** **34** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

What does “**Ceasing**” look like ?

2 Timothy 2:21-23

Therefore if anyone **cleanses** himself from **the latter**, he will be a vessel for honor, **sanctified** and **useful** for the Master, **prepared** for every good work. **22**

Flee also **youthful lusts**; but **pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those** who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23 BUT avoid** foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

Suffering The Will Of God Is To Have The Right Attitude About Sin

1c.) Is to continue on in victory

vs. 2

that he **NO LONGER** should live the rest of his time in the flesh for **the lusts of men**, but for **the will of God**.

NO LONGER ALLOWING

Lusts grk: epithumia; a burning or a continuous desire(s), a frequenting passion. the longings or passions of the heart and mind. fantasies, sensual imaginations, burning thoughts that arouse. Coveting.

NO LONGER ALLOWING

*** Illegal (wild horse) Passions, * Sensual (unrestrained) Longings,
* Lustful Imaginations (romance novels) = 50 shades of Gray**

Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

This is awesome and deep. So please, let's lay hold of this !

As Followers of Jesus, Our Suffering is Ordered by the LORD.
In the Context of 1Peter 4 – This suffering acts as a constant reminder,
a preventive measure - against being taken captive by our enemy lusts.

Suffering in the flesh (against sin and sins effect) is not a **random** thing.
Suffering in the flesh (against sin and sins effect) is not a **wasted** thing.

Jack 1:1

He who has suffered from the pain of having been electrocuted
has ceased from ever wanting to play with electricity again.

Satan will attack us from the outside with allurements.
Our problem is, we have a resident sympathizer on our inside.
Like a snake charmer, Satan plays his music which appeals to our fallen nature
On the inside (jar). If he's allowed to keep playing, the beast will arise.

When I say “Suffer or Suffering” I am talking about going through with it all. When Jesus said, “Come and follow Me” He meant it and nothing less. There are no deals with God. Once He enters into your life, He’s in and He is in it for the full treatment.

Verse 2b

for **the will of God**. (not an invention)

Man was created to serve. Peel away the ornaments and bling and you have a human being. Created in the image of God to reflect God in himself.

Man is either serving the convenient gods of his own creation or he is serving the inconvenient truth of God, the Creator.

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Having the right attitude about (my) sin;
is to understand that my sin violated Jesus Christ.

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Recommitments & Rededication

The Need of the Holy Spirit’s Empowerment

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL of Jesus

End of Study

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