

“CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED”

1st Peter 3:18

I. “ALSO”

A. 1st Peter 3:13-17

The subject of the primary text is introduced by way of its connection to the subject of the preceding passage, which teaches that Christians should be willing to suffer wrongfully.

B. Matthew 5:11-12

One is blessed who so endures.

C. Genesis 50:20

Sometimes God accomplishes great good when others intend only harm.

D. Romans 12:17, 21

Therefore, vengeance is without merit.

II. “SUFFERED”

A. Isaiah 53:3; Hebrews 5:7-8

Long before His birth, Jesus was identified as the “*Man of sorrows.*” He learnt obedience through suffering.

B. Matthew 26:38, 67; 27:27-31

He was repeatedly abused even before He was nailed to the cross.

III. “ONCE”

A. Hebrews 7:26-27; 9:24-28; 10:11-14

Unlike the sacrifices of the Old Testament, which required constant repetition, what Jesus accomplished was flawless and complete right away. Christ’s sacrifice has no need of being done again. The Aaronic priests had no seat in

the tabernacle or in the temple, but after Jesus died, arose, and ascended, “He sat down”!

B. Romans 3:25

The blood of Jesus flowed in every direction from the cross, both forward and in reverse, covering the sins of the faithful who died before.

IV. “FOR SINS”

A. 1st Corinthians 15:1-3

It is the first and most fundamental fact of the gospel that Jesus died for our sins.

B. Galatians 1:3-4

He did so to deliver us from this wicked realm.

C. 1st John 2:2; 4:10

What He did is the highest manifestation of divine love, and what He did, He did for every soul, not a particular few.

V. “THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST”

A. Luke 23:13-15; 1st John 3:5

It was obvious, even to the one ordering His execution, that Jesus deserved no punishment. No sin was in the one who takes away ours.

B. Romans 5:8; 4:25; 15:3

Christ died for sinners because of our offenses.

C. 2nd Corinthians 5:14, 21

He died for all, enduring sin’s punishment.

D. Isaiah 53:4-6

Isaiah’s prophecy was emphatic as to the vicarious nature of Christ’s death: He bore our griefs, carried our sorrows, was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, chastised for our peace, healed us by His stripes, and had laid on Him our iniquity.

E. Galatians 3:13

Jesus Christ was **cursed** on our behalf!

F. Hebrews 2:9

He tasted death for us!

G. 1st Peter 2:24

His stripes heal us because His body bore our sins!

VI. "THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD"

A. Isaiah 59:1-2

The consequence of sin is separation from God.

B. Ephesians 2:13

Christ's blood provides nearness

C. Colossians 1:21-23

Our own wicked works alienate us, but His death reconciles us if our faith is steadfast.

VII. "BEING PUT TO DEATH IN THE FLESH, BUT MADE ALIVE BY THE SPIRIT"

A. John 10:18; Acts 2:23-24

Christ raised up His own life following death. God the Father raised Him up. And, according to our primary text, so did the Spirit. God, in the totality of His being, worked in unison to bring Christ up from the grave.

B. Romans 1:4

In doing so, the Holy Spirit declares Him the Son of God.

C. 2nd Corinthians 13:4; 4:14; 1st Corinthians 6:14

If Christ can be raised from death, we are confident He can raise us up at the last day.