

FIRST PETER

The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 25

4:14-19— “Suffering as a Christian”—September 27, 2015

*“Let us then be imitators of His patience; and if we suffer for His name’s sake, let us glorify Him.
For He has set us this example in Himself, and we have believed that such is the case.”*
—Polycarp of Smyrna, *Epistle to the Philippians* (2nd Century)

The Christian’s Election and Exile—1 Pet. 1:1-2

The Christian’s Position in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:4-10

The Christian’s Living Hope—1 Pet. 1:3-11

The Christian’s Obligations in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:11-3:12

The Christian’s Life in Relation to God—1 Pet. 1:13-2:3

The Christian’s Sufferings—1 Pet. 3:13-3:22

The Christian’s Conduct—1 Pet. 4:1-11

The Christian’s Instructions for Suffering Well—1 Pet. 4:12-5:14

Suffering for the Name of Christ—1 Peter 4:14-19

Pliny the Younger:

Ignatius of Antioch:

“¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

“blessed”—makarios —Blessed, happy.

⇒ It is the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives that produces _____ conduct.

“¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.”

“meddler”—allotriepiskopos— A self-appointed overseer in the affairs of _____.

⇒ The suffering that is blessed never results from _____ the name of Christ.

“¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.”

“Christian”—Christianos— One who _____ to Christ. Used three times in the N.T. (Acts 11:26, 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16) with a negative connotation.

⇒ Peter’s encourages believers to embrace this name that was intended to _____ them.

“¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

What is the judgement Peter is referencing?

⇒ Christians experience the judgment of the world, but are delivered from the coming judgment of _____. For the unbeliever, the exact opposite is true.

“¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.”

“Entrust”—paratithēmi—To deposit as a trust for _____. (Lk. 23:46; 2 Tim. 2:2)

What is Peter doing in this passage?

Peter wants Christians to consider _____ and _____ they are associated with.

Peter wants Christians to have _____ in the God who has called them to suffer for the glory of His great name.