

First Peter

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22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

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“For even hereunto were ye called...” → v. 20

1 Pet. 2:20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

2 Tim. 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

Mark 14:65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* **exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

Ananias wasn't in too big of a hurry to go see "Saul of Tarsus," but note the plans for Paul"

Acts 9:13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

ii. How it is followed by us, 2:21b “...leaving us **an example**, that ye should **follow his steps**:”

Original Word: ὑπογραμμός

Transliteration: hupogrammos

Definition: a writing-copy, an example, pattern.

(From hupographó (to trace in outline, sketch out); from hupo and graphó)

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“...leaving us **an example**...” → “...that ye should **follow his steps**:”

Rom. 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also **walk in the steps of that faith** of our father Abraham, which *he had* being yet uncircumcised.

2 Cor. 12:18 I desired Titus, and with *him* I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit?
walked we not in the same steps?

1 Thess. 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how **ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more.

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

1 Cor. 11:1 Be ye followers of me, **even as I also am of Christ.**

1 Tim. 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first **Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe** on him to life everlasting.

(b) The Lord's example studied, 2:22-23

i. His total perfection, 2:22

- Illustrated by His life, 2:22a “Who did no sin...”
- Illustrated by His lips, 2:22b “...neither was guile found in his mouth:”

Isa. 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, **neither was any deceit in his mouth.**

ii. His triumphant persuasion, 2:23

- His amazing constraint, 2:23a “Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not...”

Isa. 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Contrast the difference between the Lord Jesus and the Apostle Paul when facing similar circumstances:

Jn. 18:22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

Acts 23:2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

When someone – family, friend, or foe – speaks ill of us, perhaps we should keep quiet, too.

- His absolute confidence, 2:23b "...but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:"

Original Word: παραδίδωμι

Transliteration: paradidómi

Definition: I hand over, pledge, hand down, deliver, **commit**, commend, betray, abandon.

paradídōmi (from *pará*, "from close-beside" and *dídōmi*, "give") – properly, to give (turn) over; "hand over from," i.e. to deliver over with a sense of close (personal) involvement. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3860.htm>

The Lord Jesus Christ at the crucifixion is the ultimate example of submission!

1 Pet. 2:13 **Submit yourselves** to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

Original Word: ὑποτάσσω

Transliteration: hupotassó

Definition: I place under, subject to; mid, pass: I submit, put myself into subjection.

hypotássō (from *hypó*, "under" and *tássō*, "arrange") – properly, "under God's arrangement," i.e. *submitting to the Lord* (His plan). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5293.htm>

Phil. 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:

(2) The great expiation, 2:24

(a) How He died for our sins, 2:24a “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...”

Gal. 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

Deut. 21:23 **His body shall not remain all night upon the tree**, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for **he that is hanged is accursed of God**;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

(b) How we die to our sins, 2:24b-c

i. A New Testament principle, 2:24b “...that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness...”

Rom. 6:11 Likewise **reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Rom. 6:14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you:** for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Gal. 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live;** yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1 Cor. 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**

- ii. An Old Testament prophecy, 2:24c
“...by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Cor. 1:22 For **the Jews require a sign**, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

Before the crucifixion, Jesus and His apostles performed acts of healing as a sign to Israel which was BEFORE the atonement that took place at Calvary. Christ had not been whipped with stripes in Matthew 8 (which we will compare with Isa. 53.)

Isa. 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath **borne our griefs**, and **carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed.**

Mt. 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our **infirmities**, and bare *our* **sicknesses**.

Compare Isaiah with Matthew: Isaiah says our “griefs” not our “sicknesses” and “carried our sorrows” not “infirmities.”

b. Our conversion, 2:25

1 Pet. 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Isa. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Conclusion

Mt. 11:28 **Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

29 **Take my yoke upon you**, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.