

1 Peter - Living For Christ In Difficult Times

Going Deep to Live in the Trenches

1 Peter 3:17-18 17 It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

Stay Down In the Deep of the Gospel For Power to Suffer for the Gospel In the Shallows of Life

1. If A Good God Allows Doers Of Gospel Good To Suffer, It Must Be For A Good Reason

a. Suffering is God's will!

b. Non Christian suffering has one adjective - but Christian Suffering has two adjectives

1) Good – *1 Corinthians 11:30*
Good? - *Romans 8:28 -*

2) Better – *Mat 5:10-12*

2. We Know This Because God Allowed the Suffering of His Son When He Was Doing Good

a. He did good *Acts 10:38*

b. He suffered for doing good *Mark 3:1-6*

c. It was God the Father's will *Isaiah 53:10*

d. Some of his sufferings were for our example

John 13:15 1 Corns 10:31- 11:1 1 Timothy 1:16

3. Now Go Deep to See Not Just An Example of Suffering But Our Redeemer From Eternal Suffering

Here Peter goes deep....but

How does an "example" work?

How does the Suffering of Christ on the cross work

It was s..... *1 Corinthians 15:3 Galatians 1:4*

It was f..... *Hebrews 7:27*

It was r..... *Colossians 1:13-14 Hebrews 9:12*

It was v..... *1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

If all we have is an example of how we should suffer... we.....

1 Peter 1:21

John 6:38-40

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

Next Weeks Text is: 1 Peter 3:19-20 - "Is There a Second Chance?"