

**HOW CAN WE ENDURE UNJUST SUFFERING FOR CHRIST?  
FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE  
1 Peter 2:21-23**

- I. *We must* **UNDERSTAND THAT WE BEEN CALLED TO SUFFER** for doing what is right, as we trust Him (21, cf.18-20)
  
- II. *We must* **LEARN TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS IN OUR RESPONSE TO UNJUST SUFFERING** so that the Lord's redemptive would be accomplished (21b-23, 24-25)
  - A. **Jesus understood the reason for His suffering:** He was suffering for us (21b, 2:12, 24-25)
  
  - B. **We have been left an example to follow in His steps:** Instead of reacting sinfully to unjust suffering, Jesus kept entrusting Himself to the Righteous Judge (21b)
    1. **What Jesus did not do while suffering... (22-23b)**
      - a) He did not sin in His actions or words (22)
  
      - b) When being reviled, He did not revile in return (23a)
  
      - c) When suffering, He did not threaten (23b)
  
    2. **Instead...Jesus continually entrusted Himself to the Righteous Judge (23b)**

NEXT WEEK

- III. *We must* **REMEMBER THE ULTIMATE REASON FOR HIS SUFFERING: God used it to bring about our redemption (24-25)**