

W @ K L J P r a J @ r J O u r n a l

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“For Christ Also Suffered” -Part 1

1 Peter 3:18-22

MARCH 18 – MARCH 24, 2007

Lord's Day	Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
Sat							
Fri							
Thu							
Wed							
Tue							
Mon							

THE LORD'S DAY –This week we are going to begin a study in **verses 18-22** of **1 Peter** which will take us a few lessons to cover. In this passage we see that Peter explains the unjust suffering of Christ to help encourage those who will suffer for “*doing good*” (**verse 17**). He also goes on to show that Christ was ultimately triumphant over all to the point of exaltation to the right hand of the Father. We should be greatly encouraged with this reminder. Read our text in **1 Peter 3:18-22**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week and to help you see the example of Jesus in suffering that we are to follow.

MONDAY –The text begins with the statement “*For Christ also suffered...*” The “*also*” is there to remind the reader of the truths of **verses 13-17** where we find that it is sometimes the “*will of God*” for us as His children to suffer for “*doing good*”. Just as we are reminded in the text that we can be secure and safe in our suffering, Peter is about to give the ultimate example of triumph and safety in unjust suffering by pointing to the life of our Savior Jesus. As we know, Christ ultimately died in His suffering, but even death itself can’t triumph over Him and all those who are in Christ. Read **Isaiah 52:13-53:6, Hebrews 12:3-4**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: God, help us to remember the example of our Savior Jesus and to praise Him for suffering for our sins as His children.

TUESDAY –Lest we move too quickly over this great and marvelous truth I want us to reflect and meditate today on the great reality of Jesus’ “**unjust**” suffering. “*The wages of sin is death*” (**Romans 6:23**) and mankind deserves to die for he is totally sinful. Jesus Christ on the other

M a t t h @ W 6: 9-13

hand was and is perfect (**1 Peter 2:22**) and therefore He DID NOT deserve to die. Sin caused “The sinless One’s” death. His willing endurance of suffering for OUR sin as believers should stir our hearts and souls to glorify and praise our Blessed Lord. Read **Isaiah 53:8-12, Romans 5:8-11**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank you Jesus for suffering death for our sin. Help us never forget the wonder of this blessed truth! Praise You sinless Savior!

WEDNESDAY –As Peter continues he tells us that Christ suffered and died, “once for sins”. This is the Greek word hapax which means “once, one time, once for all”. This means there needs to be no repetition of this sacrifice. This was so much of the point the writer of Hebrews was making when he explained the contrast between Christ’s sacrifice and the sacrifices of the Jewish system which actually pointed to the Messiahs sacrifice. They sacrificed countless millions of animals over the centuries but Jesus came as the perfect lamb and offered the full and satisfying sacrifice “*once for all*”. In contrast to the insufficient procession of animals Christ offered the All-Sufficient sacrifice for the sin of God’s elect that fully satisfied the righteous judgment of God. Read **Hebrews 1:3, 7:26-27, 9:24-28, 10:10-12**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank You Jesus that Your sacrifice is sufficient for ALL our sin as believers. Thank You Father for pouring out Your wrath on Christ and then forgiving us whom You chose in Christ before time began.

THURSDAY –We next find the great doctrine of “Substitution” in the next phrase where we read “...*the just for the unjust...*” This speaks of the vicarious (in the place of another) death of Jesus. On the cross Jesus took the place of us sinners and paid the just penalty that the law required for sin to God. His sacrifice was in the place of or the substitute payment for all of us who would repent and believe in Him. We then read the great purpose of His sacrifice of substitution in the words “*that He might bring us to God...*” Christ opened the way to God through the tearing of the veil (His flesh) that had separated men from Holy God. Jesus brings us to God spiritually in this life as we are reconciled to Him and made at peace with Him. He will also bring us to God physically in the life to come which is consummated at the resurrection. Read **2 Corinthians 5:21, Matthew 27:51, Hebrews 10:19-22**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to my life today?

Suggestion for prayer: God, thank You that we have been brought to You through the tearing of the veil. Jesus, thank you our perfect substitute.

FRIDAY –To continue our thoughts from yesterday let us elaborate on this phrase “...*that He might bring us to God...*” The words “*He might bring*” are translated by the single Greek word prosago which means “to lead, to bring, to open a way of access”. This word has also been used to speak of “the admission of ambassadors to audience with the great king” (Gerhard Kittle-TDNT). In ancient times people were brought in before monarchs only after someone verified their right to see the king. They were then introduced and the noun form of prosago is used in classical Greek to refer to the one who makes the introduction. Jesus Christ now is the one who “introduces” us and brings us to God. Jesus has entered the presence of the Father and now brings those of us who have believed in Him. Read **Hebrews 6:19-20, 7:20-25**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank Jesus for being the High Priest that entered God’s presence as the perfect One and rejoice that He brings us to God.

SATURDAY –We do not want to go further this week in our passage, so today we are going to look briefly at the point we made on Thursday in reference to the fact that Jesus will one day “*bring us to God*” in a physical sense, whole. We realize that Christ has brought us to God and made peace with Him for us in a Spiritual sense when He died on the cross in our place. But Christ will also bring us to God in the physical sense when the day arrives that we “*see Him as He is*” and we will be free from these sinful bodies and be given our new glorified bodies (“*like Him*” **1 John 3:2**) that will be forever able to enjoy God’s presence in full. These are marvelous truths that make us both rejoice now and groan and long for that blessed day which will come. Read **Romans 5:1-5, 8:22-25**.

What principles in these verses are applicable to your life today?

Suggestion for prayer: Thank You Almighty God that the day is coming when you will give us new, glorified bodies and we will see Christ face to face.