

**Jesus:
Our Standard
and Savior**

1 Peter 2:22-25

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we

might die to sin and live to
righteousness. By his wounds you have
been healed. For you were straying like
sheep, but have now returned to the
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

For to this you have been called,
because **Christ** also suffered for you,
leaving you an **example**, so that you
might **follow in his steps**.

**He committed no sin, neither was
deceit found in his mouth.**

John 8:29

And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.

John 8:46

Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

John 18:38

After Pilate had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

1 John 3:5

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

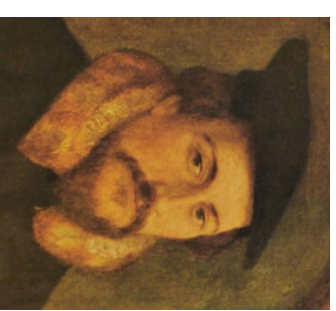
This verse provides noteworthy testimony to the complete sinlessness of Jesus by one who had been on the closest terms of intimacy with Him.

— Alan M. Stibbs

**When he was reviled, he did not
revile in return**

a harsher railing, which not only rebukes a man but also sharply bites him, and stamps him with open contempt. It is to wound a man with an accursed sting.

– John Calvin



when he **suffered**, he did not
threaten,

Peter uses suffered (pascho) rather than 'died' in order to focus on Christ's life of sufferings, and especially the sufferings leading up to his death, as a pattern for Christians.

- Wayne Grudem



Hebrews 5:7

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

when he suffered, he did not
threaten,

Matthew 26:52-53

Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

His servants had no self-restraint—the hand of Peter is on his sword at once. Their failure seems to me to illustrate the grand self-possession of their Master. Admire the glorious self-restraint of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, armed not with a sword but with the embattled hosts of helmed cherubim and sworded seraphim, yet refused even by a *prayer* to bring them down to His relief!

— Charles Spurgeon



**but continued entrusting himself to him
who judges justly.**

Psalm 10:12-14

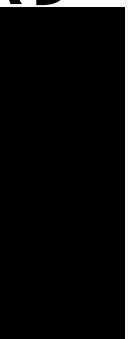
Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; **to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless.**

**He himself bore our sins in his body
on the tree**

He Himself is an emphatic personalization and stresses that the Son of God voluntarily and without coercion died as the only sufficient sacrifice for the sins of all who would ever believe.

— John MacArthur



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Deuteronomy 21:23

And if a man has committed a crime
punishable by death and he is put to death,
and you hang him on **a tree**, his body shall
not remain all night on **the tree**, but you shall
bury him the same day, for a hanged man is
cursed by God.

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

The example of Christ is a saving example. Peter does not hold forth the meekness of Christ simply as an abstract pattern. Christ's suffering is our model because it is our salvation. It does not simply guide us; it is the root of all our motivation to follow.

Remove Christ's atonement from the passage and its point would be lost.

– Edmund Clowney



**That we might die to sin and live to
righteousness.**

Romans 6:22

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

True conversion is not just intellectual assent to the truth of the gospel.

Saving faith always involves an exchange of masters, from self to Jesus Christ.

– Steven Cole



**By his wounds you have been healed.
For you were straying like sheep, but
have now returned to the Shepherd
and Overseer of your souls.**

It is not good giving me a play such as Hamlet or King Lear, and telling me to write a play like that. Shakespeare could do it. I can't. It is no good showing me a life such as the life of Jesus and telling me to live like that. Jesus could do it; I can't. [However] if the genius of Shakespeare could come and live in me, then I could write plays like that; if the Spirit of Jesus could come and live in

me, then I could live a life like that. This is the secret of Christian sanctity. It is not that we should strive to life like Jesus, but that He by His Spirit should come and live in us. To have Him as our example is not enough; we need Him as our Saviour.

— William Temple

