

Living In Light Of Christ's Sacrifice

1 Peter 4:1-6

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what

the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living

and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

Since therefore **Christ suffered** in the
flesh, **arm yourselves** with the same
way of thinking,

Philippians 2:5

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus

Hebrews 12:3

Consider him who endured from
sinners such hostility against himself, so
that you may not grow weary or
fainthearted.

To be a follower of the Crucified Christ means, sooner or later, a personal encounter with the cross. And the cross always entails loss.

– Elizabeth Elliot



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Two Erroneous Thoughts

1) Suffering has an almost magical “purging” power.

2) We can obtain sinless perfection at some point in our life BEFORE entering heaven.

Luke 13:1-5

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this

way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we
deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us

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2 Corinthians 5:15

and he died for all, that those who
live might **no longer live for
themselves but for him** who for
their sake died and was raised.

The one who willingly suffers has most definitely acted in a way which shows that obeying God, not avoiding hardship, is the most important motivation for his action.

– Wayne Grudem



Indeed the only way in which I can make real to myself what theology teaches about the heinousness of sin is to remember that every sin is the distortion of an energy breathed into us- an energy which, if not thus distorted, would have blossomed into one of those holy acts whereof "God did it" and "I did it"

are both true descriptions. We poison the wine as He decants it into us; murder a melody He would play with us as the instrument. We caricature the self-portrait He would paint. Hence all sin, whatever else it is, is sacrilege.

– C. S. Lewis



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Ephesians 2:3

among whom we all once lived in
the passions of our flesh, carrying
out the desires of the body

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1 Peter 2:12

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they **speak against you as evildoers**, they may **see your good deeds and glorify God** on the day of visitation.

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who is ready to judge the living
and the dead

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NIV version

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does.**

Even though believers will experience physical death (i.e., they are **judged in the flesh the way people are**), believers who have died **live in the spirit the way God does** (that is, they live in heaven now, and they will live as well at the resurrection when Christ returns).

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