

**THE TRIUMPHAL SUFFERING OF CHRIST
(1 Peter 3:18)**

I. OUR SUFFERING NEEDS TO BE VIEWED IN RELATION TO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU (1 Peter 1:1-12) -- this is where it all begins

II. OUR SALVATION & PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL & PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (1:13-2:10)- as we learn to walk in holiness—being set apart practically unto Christ!

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND TRAILS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

L. An On Going WILLINGNESS to SUFFER for RIGHTEOUSNESS Sake (3:13-17)

M. An ENCOURAGING REASON to SUFFER While DOING GOOD (What would that be?) CHRIST'S SUFFERING Has Resulted in TRIUMPH For US (3:18-22)

1. The EXAMPLE Suffering For Us Undeservedly is _____!

- What does the bible mean by the name "Christ"?

2. The REASON for Christ's Suffering was on behalf of _____!

Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Isaiah 64:6

3. The CHARACTER of Christ's Suffering is seen in the fact that...

a. It was _____ ... "for Christ also _____ ..."

- The **point** in this context: is that suffering need not be due to _____ acts, but may be part of doing the _____ — thus making it _____ in nature!

b. It was a _____ suffering... as it was "for _____"

- How is Christ's suffering unique?
- How was His suffering sacrificial in nature?

c. It was a _____ suffering... Christ suffered for sins "_____"

Hebrews 9:26-28; Hebrews 10:10-14

- How does this make His suffering for sins sufficient?
- How does this compare with what religion teaches?
- What should this mean practically?

d. It was a _____ suffering... “ the _____ for the _____ ”

- What does the word “for” (hyper) mean in this phrase?
- Do we see this in other passages of scripture?

e. It was a _____ suffering... His goal was ...“that He might _____ ”

- What is the implication of this purpose clause?
- Who alone can bring a hopeless, helpless, hell bound sinner to God?

f. It was a _____ suffering... “being put to _____ in the flesh”

- How is the word “death” used scripturally?

g. It was a _____ suffering... “but _____ by the Spirit”

- What does this indicate?
- What does this mean to you?