

The Apostles' Teaching: SUFFERING

1 Peter 3-4 (p. 1,115)

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"I have found truly jubilant Christians only in the Bible, in the underground church, and in prison."

A. Christians may Suffer for Doing Good. 1 Peter 3:14-17

Emperor Nero; Emperor Diocletian

"Married to an Imam," *Standing in the Fire*, Tom Doyle; pgs. 51-69

"I'm ready to follow Jesus, and I expect that Nabil will kill me... but I don't care about that." -Noor

God has given us living hope (1Peter 1:3) that cannot be taken away, even though we may experience suffering in this life.

B. Christians may Suffer because Christ Suffered.

1 Peter 4:1-3

The Bible says that in the last days persecution will increase.

Suffering for the sake of Christ has a purifying effect.

C. We can Glorify God in our Suffering. 1 Peter 4:12-16

Those who share in His sufferings will have great joy when He is revealed. (Acts 5:40-41)

1 Peter 5:¹⁰ Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little. ¹¹ The dominion belongs to Him forever. Amen.