

For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps. He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth; when reviled, He did not revile in return; when suffering, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to the One who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounding you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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- Being a Christian means you will suffer and must endure it
 - How could you follow someone the world hated so much and never suffer? Are you better at public relations than Jesus?
 - We might have done something wrong unknowingly, but He knew and never did.
- We are to follow Jesus' pattern
 - Like following in his footsteps on the beach. We are to follow His pattern, not be exactly the same.
 - We can't be exactly like Him. His was a vicarious suffering, ours is to show a new way of being and thinking.

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- Jesus never cursed back or used words to hurt
 - Jesus did absolutely nothing and still did not curse or ridicule back.
 - Examples are something like, "You're going to hell for this," or "I'm better than you."
- We are to trust God and leave making true judgments to Him
 - Trusting is not easy, because you are no longer in control.
 - We hold the idea of if you want something right, you have to do it yourself, but in order to trust, we must let God deal with it.

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- Every possible manner of sin was suffered and defeated by Him
 - No sin exists that He was not tempted by.
- The point isn't to stop sinning but to live rightly
 - We often think about stopping people from doing evil and call that success, but real success isn't until they start living rightly.