

The Christian Life and Its Sufferings

Monday 6/1**1 Peter 2:21-23**

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;

22 Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth;

23 Who being reviled did not revile in return; suffering, He did not threaten but kept committing all to Him who judges righteously;

Matt. 11:29

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mark 1:35

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still night, He went out and went away to a deserted place, and there He prayed.

Luke 5:16

16 But He Himself often withdrew in the wilderness and prayed.

John 10:30

30 I and the Father are one.

John 8:29

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.

Eph. 4:20-21

20 But you did not so learn Christ,

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

Further Reading: *HWMR The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude - Week 8, Day 1*

Corporate Reading of "The Overcoming Life"

Chapter 1 – Sections: *Failure to Render to God What He Requires; Regarding Iniquity and Refusing; to Repent of Sins That Should Be Confessed; Overcoming Is Necessary And Possible; Being Honest And Not Deceiving Ourselves*

Tuesday 6/2**1 Peter 2:24-25**

24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Rom. 3:21-22

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been manifested, witness being borne to it by the Law and the Prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no distinction;

Rom. 8:4, 6

4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Psa. 80:1

1 O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who sit between the cherubim, shine forth.

Psa. 23:1-3

1 Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest.

3 He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude - Week 8, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of "The Overcoming Life"

Chapter 2 – Sections: *The Christian Life As Revealed In The Bible; The Experience Of Failure*

Wednesday 6/3**1 Peter 1:15**

15 But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life;

1 Peter 2:12, 25

12 Having your manner of life excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the matter concerning which they speak against you as evildoers they may, by your good works, as they see them with their own eyes, glorify God in the day of His visitation.

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Heb. 12:1-2, 5-7, 14

1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us

and run with endurance the race which is set before us,

2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

5 And you have completely forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when reproved by Him;

6 For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives."

7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons. For what son is there whom the father does not discipline?

14 Pursue peace with all men and sanctification, without which no one will see the Lord;

James 3:13

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good manner of life his works in meekness of wisdom.

Col. 1:24

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

Further Reading: *HWMR The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude - Week 8, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of "The Overcoming Life"

Chapter 2 – Sections: *The God-Ordained Christian Life; A Life That Is Free from All Sins; A Life That Is in Intimate Fellowship with God; A Life That Is Fully Satisfied in the Lord*

Thursday 6/4**1 Peter 4:1**

1 Since Christ therefore has suffered in the flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind (because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin),

Eph. 6:13

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Phil. 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,

7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

Rom. 12:2

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Eph. 5:16-17

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Rom. 8:5-6

5 For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude - Week 8, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of "The Overcoming Life" Chapter 2 – Sections: *A Life That Affects Others; A Life That Is Free from the Power of Sin*

Friday 6/5

1 Peter 3:14-16

14 But even if you suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not be afraid with fear from them, nor be troubled,

15 But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, being always ready for a defense to everyone who asks of you an account concerning the hope which is in you,

16 Yet with meekness and fear, having a good conscience, so that in the matter in which you are spoken against, those who revile your good manner of life in Christ may be put to shame.

1 Pet. 1:6-7

6 In which time you exult, though for a little while at present, if it must be, you have been made sorrowful by various trials,

7 So that the proving of your faith, much more precious than of gold which perishes though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Thes. 3:3-4

3 That no one would be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed for this.

4 For even when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to be afflicted, even as it also came to pass and you know.

1 Pet. 4:12-13

12 Beloved, do not think that the fiery ordeal among you, coming to you for a trial, is strange, as if it were a strange thing happening to you;

13 But inasmuch as you share in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice exultingly.

Acts 24:15-16

15 Having hope toward God, which these themselves also look for, that there is to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

16 Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

Further Reading: *HWMR The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude - Week 8, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of "The Overcoming Life" Chapter 2 – Sections: *A Life That Overcomes All Environments; A Life with the Ability to Do Good; A Life Filled with Light; A Life That Is Wholly Sanctified; The Need To Experience God's Full Deliverance*

Saturday 6/6

1 Peter 4:14-16

14 If you are reproached in the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler into others' affairs;

16 But if as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.

Matt. 5:11-12

11 Blessed are you when they reproach and persecute you, and while speaking lies, say every evil thing against you because of Me.

12 Rejoice and exult, for your reward is great in the heavens; for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Phil. 1:19-21

19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

2 Cor. 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

1 Pet. 4:11

11 If anyone speaks, as speaking oracles of God; if anyone ministers, as ministering out of the strength which God supplies; that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

Hymns, #1210

Further Reading: *HWMR The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude - Week 8, Day 6*

Lord's Day 6/7

2 Cor. 12:7-10

7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

10 Therefore I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.

2 Cor. 4:8-10, 15-18

8 We are pressed on every side but not constricted; unable to find a way out but not utterly without a way out;

9 Persecuted but not abandoned; cast down but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

15 For all things are for your sakes that the grace which has abounded through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Further Reading

Life-Study of 1 Peter, msgs. 21-22, 26-28