

THE SAVIORS' SUFFERING
(1 Peter 2:21 *b*-25)

I. The Believers' Perfect STANDARD for Suffering (1 Pet. 2:21 *b*-23)

A. The NATURE of the pattern we are to FOLLOW

1. Jesus' life provides a PATTERN for us to COPY
2. Jesus' life left FOOTPRINTS for us to FOLLOW

B. The DESCRIPTION of the pattern we are to FOLLOW

1. He COMMITTED no SIN
2. He SPOKE nothing DECEPTIVE
3. He did not RETALIATE when INSULTED
4. He made no THREATS when ABUSED
5. Instead, He TRUSTED the RIGHTEOUS Judge

II. The Believers' Perfect SUBSTITUTE in Suffering (1 Pet. 2:24)

A. The NATURE of His REDEMPTIVE suffering

1. He took upon HIMSELF the entire WEIGHT of our SINS
2. He PAID for our sins in His BODY on the CROSS

- B. The PURPOSE of His REDEMPTIVE suffering
 - 1. That we might DIE to SIN
 - 2. That we might LIVE to RIGHTEOUSNESS
- C. The RESULT of His REDEMPTIVE suffering: by His WOUNDS we are HEALED

III. The Believers' Perfect SHEPHERD through Suffering (1 Pet. 2:25)

- A. We were "CONTINUALLY STRAYING like sheep"
- B. We are now under the CARE of CHRIST
 - 1. He's the SHEPHERD of our souls
 - 2. He's the GUARDIAN of our souls