

STRANGERS AND SUFFERERS

1 Peter 2:11-25 (p. 1888)

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because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example
that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21

Getting back that that “stranger” thing

*Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world,
to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.* 1 Peter 2:11

What is my “be” so that I can “do” being a stranger?

Submitting is hard

*Submit yourselves to the Lord’s sake to every authority
Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover up for evil; live as servants of God.*

1 Peter 2:13-17

To whom is God calling me to submit this week?

Suffering is even harder

For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.

1 Peter 2:19

How is God changing my view of suffering?

A Christology of suffering

When they hurled insults at him, he did not retaliate

Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness:

by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 1:23-24

What did I learn from Jesus today?

Responding to suffering

*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you,
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps
For you were like sheep going astray,
but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
1 Peter 2:21-25*

1) Jesus redeems even suffering

2) Be there

Further study of 1 Peter

Bob Deffenbaugh's sermons on 1 Peter at <https://bible.org/series/glory-suffering-studies-1-peter>

Belgic Confession, Articles II-VII, at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession> De Bres' discussion of the sufficiency of the Word to salvation.

"Our World Belongs to God" at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

Spurgeon's "New Life" at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-new-nature#flipbook/>

Ligon Duncan sermons on 1 Peter at <https://www.fpcjackson.org/resource-library/sermons/by-scripture/1-peter>

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to 1 Peter at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>
and notes at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>

Our World Belongs to God, 39

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

Saved by the patient grace of God,
we deal patiently with others
and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life,
this new community lives out
the ongoing story of God's reconciling love,
announces the new creation,
and works for a world of justice and peace.

On the church as a forgiven community called to be holy, see Ephesians 1:3-7; on dealing with one another patiently, Galatians 6:1-5 and Colossians 3:12-14; on the need for confession and restoration, 1 John 1:8-2:6; and on living out God's reconciling love as part of a new creation, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and 1 John 3:16-17.