

# “Hope of the Resurrection Brings Suffering”

## Series: Learning the Language of Biblical Hope

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Last week, we discovered a principle & strategy to live as Christ-followers:

- Live as foreigners/exiles
- abstain from sinful desires
- Standing out is a Kingdom catalyst

**How does the Hope of the Resurrection come into play when dealing with Suffering?**

- **To deal with suffering we must learn where & where not to \_\_\_\_\_!**

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.” 1 Peter 3:15a

Suffering =  
treatment as a result of living “good lives” as foreigner/exiles.

- **Negative Reactions originate from many \_\_\_\_\_ within cultural people.**

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give **the reason for the hope that you have**. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:15b-17

- **How do I learn to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of suffering?**

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> **and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.** It saves you by the **resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.**” 1 Peter 3:18-22

**Peter shows these sufferers of 2 basic truths of the Kingdom:**

1. Jesus suffered/died, righteous for unrighteous, bodily arose, now is at the Father’s right hand reigning with all in submission to Him.  
“But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. Hebrews 10:12-13
2. Our Baptism is the basis for our having “Clear Consciences”. Vs. 21

### **Conclusion:**

Christ-followers need to understand that following Jesus will invite suffering and perhaps even death!

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever **wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.** <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” Matthew 16:24-26

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