

Surviving Life

“With Integrity – part 2” (9)

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Text: 1 Peter 2:19-25

There are far too many that see Christianity as a belief system that could be added onto their present lives with little change. We need to understand that real Christianity is radical Christianity, and it makes a difference in every sphere of our lives. It isn't just a tack-on.

SURVIVING LIFE involves spiritual growth verified by positive daily relationships and activities....like weathering *unjust suffering*.

SEEK GOD IN SUFFERING

1. When You Suffer, Make Sure it's for

_____ – v.20 “²⁰
For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure?”

2. When You Suffer, Consider

_____ – v.20 “²⁰ *...But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.*”

3. When You Suffer, Don't Lose Sight of J

– v.21-24 “²¹ *For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.* ²² *He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.* ²³ *When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did*

not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”*

4. When You Suffer, Leave

_____ – v.23c, 19, 25 “*...when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly....*” ¹⁹ *For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly...²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”*

SO WHAT....

PT. = People are watching you. But not only are people watching you, God is watching you. Which of the three areas (TEMPTATION, AUTHORITY [last week] OR SUFFERING) do you have the most trouble with? Which of the three areas do you have the most problems with integrity?

