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¹ For since Christ has suffered for us in the flesh / Peter just said, Christ suffered once... being put to death. We read, looking unto Jesus the author and first-runner of faith...who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame -- **Hebrew 12**. That night, Jesus had already prayed, Father, I have finished the work you sent Me to do. Glorify Me with the glory I had with Thee from the foundation of the world -- **John 17**,

Christ suffered for us, being put to death, made a curse for us; the Lamb of God who took the sins of the world as they abused Him that the precious Son of God didn't even look human.



arm yourselves also, with the same mind / Paul says that there is a war going on... for our minds and hearts, put on the whole armor of God... suit up with the necessary weapons: belted with truth; putting on the breastplate of righteousness; feet shod with the gospel of peace; taking the shield of faith; receiving the helmet of salvation; taking the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God -- **Ephesians 6**. **Don't push aside the knowledge of God**; remind yourself, daily rethink what He endured for us; reconsider the many lessons of the heart He taught; and then don't forget to share the word with others:

for he who has suffered in the flesh / even to the point of death. Think about it, those who suffer or are martyred, as we see brutality toward **our brothers and sisters in the Lord**, forfeiting their lives in our 21st century... while world govt and comparable inanities mindlessly pontificate about global warming. **Their martyrdom** may sound like a horrible thing and it is; but it's over. Consider Jesus who rose from the dead 3 days and 3 nights later... and know courageous brothers and sisters faithful in their death; and in light of eternity, whatever man could do to them is finished; they can no longer be touched by such filth.

for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; we wimps in western churchianity, need to remind ourselves, brothers and sisters in many countries, since our Lord Jesus ascended to heaven 2,000 years ago have been martyred. Daily brothers and sisters faithful in the Lord... have been persecuted unto death. John, the disciple who lived the longest charges: the blood of the saints and of all the martyrs of Jesus directly accuses **the drunken whore and her admiring daughters, they are guilty**; not to be acquitted.

arm yourselves also with the same mind...

for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin / certainly the one who suffered unto death... has ceased from sin; so think like our great brothers and sisters; think like our Lord Jesus thought... as He endured the suffering, and He despised the shame... knowing God is faithful, what He has promised... He will make good; our God can be trusted. **If it was not so, He would have told us**

² So as to live the rest of the time in the flesh, no longer for the strong desires of men, but for the will of God.

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³ For the time past is sufficient for us to have worked the desire of the Gentiles, walking obscenely in strong desires, and excess of wine, rowdy carousing, drunken partying and abominable idolatries / every lewdness and perversion; with strong desires; horrible adorations; any object of worship -- from things to people even self: anything falsely promising a power to satisfy, feeding an endless cycle of coveting and greed incapable of being gratified: just like we see in the world today.

⁴ And in all this they think it strange that you do not run with them to the same spreading disintegration, and they malign you:

⁵ but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

⁶ For this purpose the gospel was also preached to those who have died, that though they were judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to God.

⁷ The end of all things is at hand: therefore, be sober, and clear-headed unto prayer.

⁸ Above all, deeply love one another: for love covers many sins.

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

¹⁰ As each one has received the special gift, even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold / the many colored... grace of God.

¹¹ Whoever speaks, let him speak the living words of God; whoever ministers, do it as God gives who enables: so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

More reactions in suffering;

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is for your testing, as though some strange thing was happening to you:

¹³ but since you share the sufferings of Christ,

continue to rejoice; that, when His glory is revealed, you may rejoice with exceeding joy.

¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed / marked with God's favor; for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

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¹⁵ But let none of you **suffer** as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or a busybody in other men's matters / or a troublesome meddler infringing on other's affairs.

¹⁶ Yet if any **suffer** as a Christian, let him **not** be ashamed; **but in that name let him glorify God.**

¹⁷ **For the time of judgment must begin at the house of God** / Peter said, we as living stones are built up a spiritual house -- same word: right thinking, good discernment. Peter heard Jesus say: for in the way you judge, you will be judged; Peter heard Him say, Sodom and Gomorrah will rise up in the judgment; Peter heard, the men of Nineveh, and the queen of the south will rise up in the judgment and condemn the male dominated generation. Peter knew what Paul wrote, we are sure that the judgment of God is right, His goodness and longsuffering is for us to change our minds, to think correctly, because there is a day of judgment approaching:

and if first with us, what will be the outcome of them who obey **not** the gospel of God?

¹⁸ And if it is with difficulty the righteous is saved, what will become of the senseless and the sinner?

¹⁹ **So let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to the faithful Creator in doing what is right.**