

Understanding Jesus' Saving Love!

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Scripture: 1st Peter 2:21-25

Peter is writing to Christians in various provinces of the Roman Empire (modern Turkey). They were facing trials and persecution under King Nero. These early believers would *endure social and economic trials* from three sources: The Romans, the Jews, and their own families. Christians were harassed, while others put to death for their faith in Jesus.

Date: 1st Peter was written between A.D. 62-64.

Place: In Rome when King Nero was torturing Christians.

Key Verses: 1st Peter 1:6-7, 9 - "(6) *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to **suffer grief** in all kinds of trials. (7) These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed... (9) for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the **salvation** of your souls.*"

SAVE: (Webster's dictionary) "to deliver from sin, to rescue or deliver from danger or harm, to preserve or guard from injury, destruction, or loss; to put aside as a reserve: accumulate; to keep from being lost to an opponent, maintain, preserve."

Understanding Jesus' Saving Love (1st Peter 2:21-25)

1) Jesus' Suffering is our Call for Christian living (Vs. 21)

"(21) *To this you were called, because Christ **suffered** for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*"

Suffered: (Gk *paschó*): "**To suffer, to endure.**"

2) Jesus' Example is our Model for how we live (Vs. 21b)

"(21) *...leaving you an **example**, that you should follow **in his steps.***"

Example: (Gk: *hupogrammos*): "**Example, pattern.**"

- *The example set by Jesus for believers to emulate in their conduct & suffering.*

In his steps: (Gk: *ichnos*): "**Footprint, a track, trace.**"

3) Jesus is our Sinless Savior (Vv. 22)

"(22) *'He **committed** no sin, and no **deceit** was found in his mouth.'*

Committed: (Gk: *poieó*): "**To make, to do (perform), to act, to cause, to work.**"

- *Jesus performed no action of sin. It is what Jesus didn't do.*

Deceit: (Gk: *dolos*): "**Deceit, guile, treachery.**"

Word Origin: meaning: "to decoy." *a fraud.

- *No moral boundaries did Jesus ever cross. Blameless - no detection of impurity.*

Psalm 32:2 – "(2) *Blessed is the man whose **sin** the Lord does not count against him **and in whose spirit is no deceit.***"

4) Jesus Willingly died on the Cross for our sin (Vv. 23-24) –

*“(23) When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, **he entrusted himself** to him who judges justly. (24) ‘He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed.’”*

Entrusted: (Gk: *paradidómi*): **“To deliver, to hand over, to betray, to entrust.”**

➤ **Jesus entrusted his life to God His Father** (to hand over) **to save us!**

Luke 23:46 – *“(46) Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I **commit** my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last.”*

5) People are Lost in Sin until they come to the Good Shepherd, Jesus (Vv. 24b-25)

“(24) ... ‘by his wounds you have been healed.’ (25) For ‘you were like sheep going astray,’ but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

➤ **Isaiah 53:4-6**