

Living to Display God's Grace BY SUFFERING FOR DOING RIGHT

1 Peter 2:21-25



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

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Verse 21 breaks it down for us:

- Called to a **Purpose**
"For you have been called for this purpose..."
- Called to a **Person**
"...since Christ also suffered for you..."
- Called to a **Pattern**
"...leaving you an example to follow in His steps."

What follows in verses 22-25 **fills out** Peter's thought for these **three emphases in our submission.**

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“For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For to this you have been called...”

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“...what Peter said here was that believers were called to experience their final reward (vv. 19-20) through enduring suffering. Suffering, in other words, is not a detour by which believers receive the inheritance to which they were called. It is God's appointed means for receiving the inheritance.”

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So the meaning is that **God saved you** from your sins for this -- that you would live to do what is right in God's eyes, suffer unjustly for it, and patiently endure this unjust suffering for God's glory and for the spiritual benefit of others.

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This is God's **personal call on your life** to *“rescue you from the domain of darkness and transfer you to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom you have redemption, the forgiveness of your sins.”* (Colossians 1:13-14)

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“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

To be called is to be saved, and to be saved is to deny yourself, take up your cross, and to follow Jesus Christ as a lifestyle and for a lifetime. That's the pattern.

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“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.” (Mark 8:34-35)

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“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

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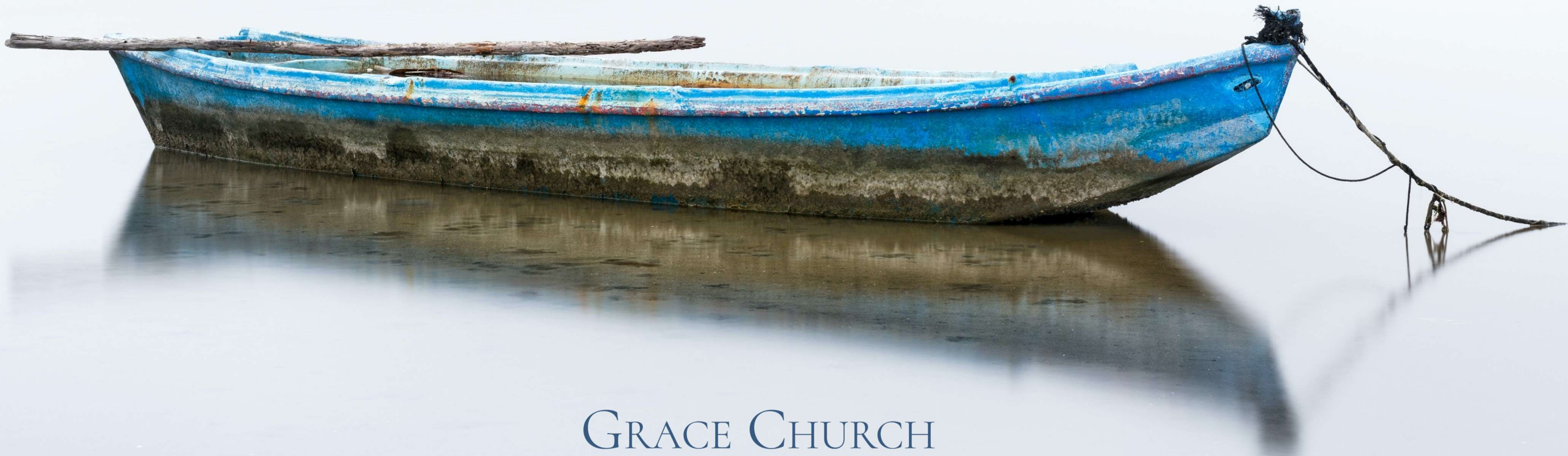
“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you...” John 15:20

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“For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake...” Philippians 1:29

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