

Christ's Sufferings and Our Responsibilities

A. Who Christ is. His sufferings

1. Mt 22:41-42. Psalms 110:1 Whose son is the Christ?
2. Mk 12:28-31. The greatest commandment
3. Mk 13:6. 11. False christs and prophets
4. Lk 2:34-35. Jesus, for fall and rise of many, and for a sign to be opposed
5. Zech 12:10. Messiah to be pierced
6. Mt 4:1-11. The temptations in the desert

B. Preparing ourselves for persecution

7. 2 Tim 3:12. All who desire a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted
8. Jn 15:20. If they persecuted Me...
9. Mt 10:34-38. Enemies in the household
10. Mk 10:28-30. Possessions and family received along with persecutions
11. Mt 6:33. Seek first the kingdom of God
12. Rom 6:6. We have been crucified in Christ
13. Heb 10:32. For a little while great conflict of suffering
14. Heb 12:2. Setting our eyes on Jesus
15. Mt 14:29. Peter got out of the boat, because he put his eyes on Jesus
16. 1Cor 2:9. Things not seen nor heard, God has prepared for those who love Him

C. Preparation through the Word of God

17. 2Tim 2:15. Accurate handling of the Word
Line on line, a little here, a little there (*Isa 28:13*)
18. 1Tim 5:22. Not to be hasty about laying on hands
19. 1Tim 3:6. Don't give any ministerial privileges to a new convert

D. Being faithful to the Lord

20. Lk 22:31. 2Cor 11:3. Gal 3:1. James 4:7. Satan trying to pervert our way. Resist him
21. 2Timothy 2:25. Heb 12:1. Avoid being held captive to do Satan's will

22. Mt 7:15. John 10:10,11. Don't be trapped by the "wolves", because they come just to steal and kill. (We just don't go around "loving everybody". If we are doing this, we're starting rubbing elbows with Satan).

23. 1John 1:9. Confessing sin to God

24. Jam 5:16 Confessing sin to one another, so we are not weighed down by the deceitfulness of sin

25. 1Cor 15:34. 1 Peter 4:1-6. Forsaking sin regardless of those who will entice

26. Heb 3:13. Build up one another

E. Living by the Word not emotions

27. Mt 7:6. Not to give pearls to swine

28. Phil 3:19-20. We are not those who live by their instincts as a guide; on the contrary, we live by faith, not by sight (*2Cor 5:7*)

29. Psalms 4:3. The Lord can darken the world around us, because He wants to take our eyes off the world (for a time) to set us apart.

30. 2Cor 10:5. Taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (it's not that we have no sympathy for others at the level they are)

31. Eph 5:15. Buy up the time

32. Heb 12:12-13. Strengthen our hands and knees, making straight paths for our feet.

33. Mk 6:52. Not necessary to be very outspoken (like the apostles, who mainly watched and listened to Jesus before their final commission -Lk 24:46-48)

34. Mt 10:16. Wise as serpents, not disconnecting basic issues or responsibilities (no self justification)

35. Rom 14:1. Not being critical of others' opinions.

36. 1Tim 4:15. Be meditating these things

37. Never miss our meetings (Israel would not forsake assembling except for war, illness or a wedding)