



## **"LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT"**

### **1 Peter 2:21-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for <sup>[e]</sup>us, leaving <sup>[f]</sup>us an example, that you should follow His steps: <sup>22</sup> "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; <sup>23</sup> who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose <sup>[g]</sup>stripes you were healed.

### **We Were Called to This!**

Today we commemorate the crucifixion of our Savior Jesus Christ on Mount Calvary. He suffered physically for the sins of all mankind. He suffered painfully for our transgressions. He suffered in the flesh for the weakness of our flesh. Through it all, He never said a mumbling word. Through it all, He never looked at us with reviling eyes, nor did He have any reviling words against us. He told the thief that hung on the cross next to Him "today you will be with me in Paradise!" Why? Because the thief acknowledged his own faults; his own wrongdoing. And the thief acknowledged the fact that Jesus had done no wrong!

Let us not forget what Jesus did for us. Let us not forget what we owe Him. Remember, **We were called to this!** We were called to confess our faults. We were called to repentance. We were called to be Holy. We were called to walk circumspectly before the world. We were called to "... be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma" (Eph 5:1-2). We were called to live right, walk right, and talk right! Jesus was called to be sin for us. Let us be called by His word to be true Men and Women of God!

**Love Always,**

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