

Temple @ the CORE

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Global: Suffering for the Gospel

1 Peter 3:13-17; 4:12-19

Situation: We live our lives attempting to avoid any and all suffering at any and all costs! This is human nature....

Problem: We have become so obsessed with our mission (no suffering) that we have lost sight of our local and global missional calling!

Solution: We must embrace our calling to suffer for Christ's glory by reordering our lives in order to put His mission before our comfort and personal desires so that the nations may know Him!

The Worldwide Reality. . .

- Roughly 6.69 billion people alive today... wow!
- 16,351 people groups— 6,641 people groups unreached!
That's 40.9% of the population— 2.74 billion people!
- More Christians were martyred in 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries combined!

I. Our Call to Suffer for the Gospel is a . . .

1. Call to Preparation (3:13-17)

Ready **Mind** (14)

Ready Words (15)

Ready **Deeds** (16-17)

2. Call to Glorify God (4:12-16)

We should expect to suffer (12)

We **should** rejoice in suffering (13)

We should **correctly understand** suffering (14-15)

3. Call to Trust (4:17-19)

Suffering is an **exercise** of **faith**:

In God's Plan

In God's Power

II. The Implications of our Call to Suffer for the Gospel. . .

- If we do not embrace our call to suffer for the Gospel so that the nations may know Him then we have no intention of living in the fullness of the Christian life!
- Embracing our call to suffer for the Gospel so that the nations may know Him will require our lives to be reordered so that we put His mission before anything else!
- When we suffer for the Gospel so that the nations may know Him we will find ourselves faithfully living out His truth!
 - Praying for the nations. . .
 - Giving to the cause of reaching the nations. . .
 - Going to the nations. . .