

Christian suffering comes in various forms: pain (physical, emotional, spiritual), persecution, and pruning—to name a few.

Today we look at Peter's words of encouragement for those who suffer according to God's will.

“So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.”

1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

I. The Christian Life is a Life of Commitment

- a. “Commit” means to entrust to in a personal way
- b. Psalm 37:5 says, “Commit your *way* to the Lord...”
- c. 1 Peter 4:19 says we are to commit *ourselves* to God

II. The Key is the Recipient of Your Commitment

- a. You are entrusting yourself (back) to your Creator!
- b. He is *faithful*: dependable, reliable, trust-worthy
- c. “If we are faithless, he remains faithful” 2 Tim. 2:13

III. A Committed Christian Continues to:

- a. Do good, which means *God* is at work in you
- b. Live and grow in Christ; apart from Him we do nothing