

Understanding 1 Peter

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Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. v.8,9

Remember that others are going through the same thing—_____ Christians are called to suffer; remember that Christ has been through even _____ for you.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God... Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. (3:18; 4:1,2)

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