January 30, 2005 Sermon Notes

An Unrivaled Injustice 1 Peter 2:21-25

I. THE SUFFERING OF JESUS CHRIST WAS UNDESERVED (v. 22a).

"committed no sin" "no deceit in His mouth"

- Jesus did not have a sinful nature.
- Jesus was perfectly obedient to the Father (Jn. 15:10; Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- Our suffering is not to be deserved.
- II. THE SUFFERING OF JESUS CHRIST WAS EXPERIENCED WITH STRATEGIC SILENCE (vv. 22b-23).

"did not revile in return" "no threats"

- Jesus did not verbally abuse His tormentors.
- Jesus did not lose control of His tongue or emotions.
- Our suffering must not be met with bitterness and uncontrolled anger.

III. THE SUFFERING OF JESUS CHRIST WAS VICARIOUS (v. 23b-24).

- The cross of Christ was excruciatingly physically painful.
- The cross of Christ was monstrously morally degrading.
- The cross of Christ was infinitely spiritually significant.
- Our suffering will come because of our identification with Jesus Christ.

IV. THE SUFFERING OF JESUS CHRIST MAKES RECONCILIATION WITH CHRIST POSSIBLE (v. 25).

- How can Christ's example in unjust suffering be followed?
- Our suffering is to be the instrument for making us like Christ.

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