

Principles of the Gospel

1 Peter 4 - Suffering

Reasons for Suffering

Your calling

1 Peter 4

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Acts 3:18

But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that **Christ** should **suffer**, he hath so fulfilled.

Acts 26

²² Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than **those which the prophets and Moses did say should come**:

²³ That **Christ should suffer**, and that **he should be the first that should rise from the dead**, and **should shew light unto the people**, and **to the Gentiles**.

²⁴ And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, **Paul, thou art beside thyself**; much **learning doth make thee mad**.

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Colossians 2

²⁰ Wherefore if ye **be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world**, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Galatians 2

²⁰ I am **crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 6

⁶ Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified with him**, that the **body of sin might be destroyed**, that **henceforth** we should not serve sin.

⁷ For **he that is dead** is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if **we be dead with Christ**, we **believe that we shall also live** with him:

2 Timothy 2

¹¹ It is a faithful saying: For **if we be dead with him**, we shall **also live with him**:

Colossians 3

³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with **Christ in God**.

1 Peter 2

²¹ For even **hereunto were ye called**: because **Christ also suffered for us**, leaving us an **example**, that **ye should follow his steps**:

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The Will of God

1 Peter 4

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1 Peter 3

¹⁷ For it is better, if the **will of God** be so, that ye **suffer for well doing**, than for evil doing.

Ephesians 4

²² That ye **put off concerning the former conversation** the old man, which is **corrupt** according to the **deceitful lusts**;

Mark 4

¹⁹ And the **cares of this world**, and the **deceitfulness of riches**, and the lusts of other things entering in, **choke the Word**, and it **becometh unfruitful**.

Ephesians 5

¹¹ And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works** of darkness, but rather **reprove them**.

Titus 3

¹⁴ And let our's also learn to **maintain good works** for necessary uses, that they **be not unfruitful**.

2 Peter 1

⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall **neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

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1 John 2

¹⁶ For **all that is in the world**, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is **not of the Father**, but is **of the world**.

1 John 2

¹⁷ And the **world passeth away**, and the **lust** thereof: but he that doeth the **will of God abideth for ever**.

Romans 8

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with **our spirit**, that **we are the children of God**:

¹⁷ And **if children**, then heirs; **heirs of God**, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; **if** so be that **we suffer with him**, that we may be also **glorified together**.

¹⁸ For I reckon that the **sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**.

Titus 2

¹² Teaching us that, **denying [rejecting] ungodliness** and **worldly lusts**, we should **live soberly, righteously [just]**, and **godly [piously – morally, spiritually]**, in this **present world**;

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Soberly – [NT:4996](#) σωφρόνως **sophronos** (so-fron'-oce); adverb from [NT:4998](#); with sound mind, i.e. moderately: **KJV** - soberly.

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Philippians 1

²⁹ For **unto you it is given** in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but **also to suffer for His sake**;

Believe – [NT:4100](#) πιστεύω **pisteuo** (pist-yoo'-o); from [NT:4102](#); to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ):

KJV - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

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Acts 9 Ananias shown that Paul must suffer

¹⁵ But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

¹⁶ For I will shew him how great things he [Paul] must suffer for my name's sake.

¹⁷ And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest **receive thy sight**, and be **filled with the Holy Ghost**.

2 Timothy 2

¹² If we **suffer**, we shall **also reign with him**: if **we deny him**, he also will deny us:

2 Timothy 3

¹² Yea, and **all that will live godly** in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**.

Suffer persecution – [NT:1377](#) διώκω **dioko** (dee-o'-ko); a prolonged (and causative) form of a primary verb dio (to flee; compare the base of [NT:1169](#) and [NT:1249](#)); to pursue (literally or figuratively); by implication, to persecute:

KJV - ensue, follow (after), given to, (suffer) persecute (-ion), press forward.

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The Will of God (*cont*)

Not the will of Gentiles

1 Peter 4

³ For the **time past** of our life may suffice us to have **wrought the will of the Gentiles**, when we walked in **lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings**, and **abominable idolatries**:
Suffice – [NT:713](#) ἄρκετός **arketos** (ar-ket-os'); from [NT:714](#); satisfactory:

KJV - enough, suffice (-ient).

Wrought – [NT:2716](#) κατεργάζομαι **katergazomai** (kat-er-gad'-zom-ah-ee); from [NT:2596](#) and [NT:2038](#); do work fully, i.e. accomplish; by implication, to finish, fashion:

KJV - cause, to (deed), perform, work (out).

Will – [NT:1013](#) βούλημα **boulema** (boo'-lay-mah); from [NT:1014](#); a resolve [decisions, doggedness]: **KJV** - purpose, will.

Ephesians 2

² Wherein in **time past** ye walked according to the **course of this world**, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the **children of disobedience**:

³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in **times past** in the **lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Lasciviousness – [NT:766](#) ἀσέλγεια **aselgeia** (as-elg'-i-a); from a compound of [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed **selges** (of uncertain derivation, but apparently meaning continent); licentiousness [wastefulness, recklessness, decadence] (sometimes including other vices): **KJV** - filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness [immoral].

Lusts – [NT:1939](#) ἐπιθυμία **epithumia** (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); from [NT:1937](#); a longing (especially for what is forbidden): **KJV** - concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

Excess of wine – [NT:3632](#) οἴνοφλυγία **oinophlugia** (oy-nof-loog-ee'-ah); from [NT:3631](#) and a form of the base of [NT:5397](#); an overflow (or surplus) of wine, i.e. vinolency - (drunkenness): **KJV** - excess of wine.

Revellings – [NT:2970](#) κῶμος **komos** (ko'-mos); from [NT:2749](#); a carousal (as if letting loose): **KJV** - revelling, rioting.

Banquetings – [NT:4224](#) πότος **potos** (pot'-os); from the alternate of [NT:4095](#); a drinking-bout or carou'sal [noisy drunken feast]: **KJV** - banqueting.

Abominable – [NT:111](#) ἀθέμιτος **athemitos** (ath-em'-ee-tos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a derivative of themis (statute; from the base of [NT:5087](#)); illegal; by implication, flagitious: **KJV** - abominable, unlawful thing.

Idolatries – [NT:1495](#) εἰδωλολατρεία **eidololatreaia** (i-do-lol-at-ri'-ah); from [NT:1497](#) and [NT:2999](#); image-worship (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - idolatry.

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The Will of God (*cont*)

Not by pleasure of Gentiles

1 Peter 4

⁴ Wherein **they think it strange that ye run not with them** to the same **excess of riot**, speaking evil of you:

Strange – [NT:3579](#) ξενίζω **xenizo** (xen-id'-zo); from [NT:3581](#); to be a host (passively, a guest); by implication be (make, appear) strange:

KJV - entertain, lodge, (think it) strange.

Ephesians 5

¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is **excess**; but be filled with the Spirit;

Excess – [NT:810](#) ἄσωτία **asotia** (as-o-tee'-ah); from a compound of [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of [NT:4982](#); properly, unsavedness, i.e. (by implication) profligacy: **KJV** - excess, riot.

Not without controversy

1 Peter 4

⁵ Who shall **give account** to Him that is **ready to judge** the **quick and the dead**.

Acts 10

⁴⁰ Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

⁴¹ Not to all the people, but unto **witnesses chosen** before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² And he **commanded us to preach** unto the people, and to **testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead**.

⁴³ To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

2 Timothy 4

¹ I **charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom**;

² **Preach the word**; be **instant** in season [convenient], out of season [inconvenient]; **reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine**.

³ For the time will [*has!*] come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they **heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears**;

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Not without success

1 Peter 4

⁶ For for this cause was the **gospel preached also to them that are dead**, that they might be **judged according to men in the flesh**, but **live according to God in the spirit**.

Ephesians 2

¹ And **you hath he quickened**, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**;

Colossians 2

¹³ And you, being **dead in your sins** and the **uncircumcision of your flesh**, hath **he quickened together with him**, having **forgiven you all trespasses**;

Not without our own vigilance

1 Peter 4

⁷ But the **end of all things is at hand**: be ye therefore **sober**, and **watch** unto prayer.

Sober – [NT:4993](#) σωφρονέω **sophroneo** (so-fron-eh'-o); from [NT:4998](#); to be of sound mind, i.e. sane, (figuratively) moderate:

KJV - be in right mind, be sober (minded), soberly.

Watch – [NT:3525](#) νήφω **nepho** (nay'-fo); of uncertain affinity: to abstain from wine (keep sober), i.e. (figuratively) be discreet [tactful, full of care, circumspect, cautious]:

KJV - be sober, watch.

1 Thessalonians 5

⁵ Ye are all the **children of light**, and the **children of the day**: we are **not of the night**, nor of **darkness**.

⁶ Therefore **let us not sleep**, as do others; but let us **watch and be sober**.

Watch – [NT:1127](#) γρηγορεύω **gregoreuo** (gray-gor-yoo'-o); from [NT:1453](#); to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively): **KJV** -be vigilant, wake, (be) watchful

⁷ For **they that sleep sleep in the night**; and they that be **drunken are drunken in the night**.

⁸ But let us, who are of the day, **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

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⁹ For **God hath not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Not without charity

1 Peter 4

⁸ And above all things **have fervent [intent] charity** among yourselves: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**

Fervent Spirit

Fervent in Mind

Fervent in Labours

Fervent in Prayer (ἐκτενής - ektenes - with intent – without ceasing)

....and above all things **have Fervent Charity**

Charity – [NT:26](#) ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from [NT:25](#); love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: **KJV** - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Not without hospitality

1 Peter 4

⁹ Use **hospitality** one to another **without grudging**.

Hospitality – [NT:5382](#) φιλόξενος **philoxenos** (fil-ox'-en-os); from [NT:5384](#) and [NT:3581](#); fond of guests, i.e. hospitable: **KJV** - given to (lover of, use) hospitality.

Grudging – [NT:1112](#) γογγυσμός **goggusmos** (gong-goos-mos'); from [NT:1111](#); a grumbling: **KJV** - grudging, murmuring.

Romans 12

¹⁰ Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

¹¹ Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

¹² Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

¹³ Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

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Response of Suffering

Your Calling

Not without grace

1 Peter 4

¹⁰ As every man hath **received** the gift, even so **minister the same** one to another, as **good stewards** of the **manifold grace** of God.

Received – [NT:2983](#) λαμβάνω **lambano** (lam-ban'-o); a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is use only as an alternate in certain tenses; to take (in very many applications, literally and figuratively [properly objective or active, to get hold of; whereas [NT:1209](#) is rather subjective or passive, to have **offered to one**; while [NT:138](#) is more violent, to seize or remove]):

KJV - accept, + be amazed, assay, attain, bring, ^xwhen I call, catch, come on (X unto), + forget, have, hold, obtain, receive (X after), take (away, up).

Minister – [NT:1247](#) διακονέω **diakoneo** (dee-ak-on-eh'-o); from [NT:1249](#); to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon (menially or as a host, friend, or [figuratively] teacher); techn. to act as a Christian deacon:

KJV - (ad-) minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon.

Stewards – [NT:3623](#) οἰκονόμος **oikonomos** (oy-kon-om'-os); from [NT:3624](#) and the base of [NT:3551](#); a house-distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i.e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel): **KJV** - chamberlain, governor, steward.

Manifold grace of God - The character of God's grace manifest in many ways!

Not without ability

1 Peter 4

¹¹ If any man speak, let him **speak as the oracles of God**; if any man minister, let him do it as of the **ability which God giveth**: that **God in all things may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Oracle – [NT:3051](#) λόγιον **logion** (log'-ee-on); neuter of [NT:3052](#); an utterance (of God):

KJV - oracle.

Ability – [NT:2479](#) ἰσχύς **ischus** (is-khoos'); from a derivative of is (force; compare eschon, a form of [NT:2192](#)); forcefulness (literally or figuratively):

KJV - ability, might ([-ily]), power, strength.

Hebrews 5

¹² For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the **oracles** of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

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Response of Suffering (*cont*)

The Will of God (*cont*)

Not without company

1 Peter 4

¹² Beloved, **think it not strange** concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, **as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

Not without Glorifying God

1 Peter 4

¹³ But **rejoice**, inasmuch as ye are **partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when **his glory shall be revealed**, ye may be **glad also with exceeding joy.**

Coworkers and participants in all that Christ is which includes being a participant in all that Christ suffered.....

Future

Isaiah 40

⁵ And the **glory of the LORD shall be revealed**, and **all flesh shall see it together**: for the **mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.**

Present

Romans 8

¹⁸ For I reckon that the **sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

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Reinforcement of Suffering

Your Calling

Not without reproach

1 Peter 4

¹⁴ If ye be **reproached** for the **name of Christ**, **happy** are ye; for the **Spirit of glory** and of God resteth upon you: **on their part** He is evil spoken of, but **on your part** He is glorified.

Reproached – [NT:3679](#) ὀνειδίζω **oneidizo** (on-i-did'-zo); from [NT:3681](#); to defame, i.e. rail at, chide, taunt: **KJV** - cast in teeth, (suffer) reproach, revile, upbraid.

Happy – [NT:3107](#) μακάριος **makarios** (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off: **KJV** - blessed, happy (X -ier).

Psalm 74

¹⁰ O God, how long shall the adversary **reproach**? shall the enemy blaspheme thy **name** for ever?

Luke 6

²² Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall **reproach** you, and cast out your **name** as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Blessed – [NT:3107](#) μακάριος **makarios** (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off: **KJV** - blessed, happy (X -ier).

Not without blamelessness

1 Peter 4

¹⁵ But let **none of you** suffer as a **murderer**, or as a **thief**, or as an **evildoer**, or as a **busybody** in other men's matters [meddler].

1 Peter 4

¹⁶ Yet if any man **suffer as a Christian**, let him **not be ashamed**; but let him **glorify God** on this behalf.

Christian – [NT:5546](#) Χριστιανός **Christianos** (khris-tee-an-os'); from [NT:5547](#); a Christian, i.e. follower of Christ: **KJV** - Christian.

Ashamed – [NT:153](#) αἰσχύνομαι **aischunomai** (ahee-skhoo'-nom-ahee); from **aischos** (disfigurement, i.e. disgrace); to feel shame (for oneself): **KJV** - be ashamed.

Glorify – [NT:1392](#) δοξάζω **doxazo** (dox-ad'-zo); from [NT:1391](#); to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application):

KJV - (make) glorify (-ious), full of (have) glory, honour, magnify.

2 Timothy 1

¹² For the which **cause** I also **suffer** these things: nevertheless **I am not ashamed**: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

(See also Rom 1:16 I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ! ...)

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Not without innocence

1 Peter 4

¹⁷ For the time is come that **judgment** must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, **what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?**

Judgment – [NT:2917](#) κρίμα **krima** (kree'-mah); from [NT:2919](#); a decision (the function or the effect, for or against ["crime"]):

KJV - avenge, condemned, condemnation, damnation, + go to law, judgment.

what shall the end be – How much worse must it be for the wicked!

Obey not – [NT:544](#) ἀπειθέω **apeitheo** (ap-i-theh'-o); from [NT:545](#); to disbelieve (wilfully and perversely): **KJV** - not believe, disobedient, obey not, unbelieving.

1 Timothy 3

¹⁵ But if I tarry long, that thou mayest **know how thou oughtest to behave** thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the **pillar and ground of the truth.**

Not without Godliness

1 Peter 4

¹⁸ And if the **righteous scarcely** be saved, **where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**

Righteous – [NT:1342](#) δίκαιος **dikaio**s (dik'-ah-yos); from [NT:1349](#); equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively):

KJV - just, meet, right (-eous).

Scarcely – [NT:3433](#) μόλις **molis** (mol'-is); probably by var. for [NT:3425](#); with difficulty:

KJV - hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work.

Appear – [NT:5316](#) φαίνω **phaino** (fah'-ee-no); prolongation for the base of [NT:5457](#); to lighten (shine), i.e. show (transitive or intransitive, literal or figurative):

KJV - appear, seem, be seen, shine, * think.

Ungodly – [NT:765](#) ἀσεβής **asebes** (as-eb-ace'); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of [NT:4576](#); irreverant, i.e. (by extension) impious or wicked:

KJV - ungodly (man).

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Reinforcement of Suffering (*cont*)

Not without Godliness (*cont*)

Matthew 19

²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

²³ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ And again I say unto you, It is **easier for a camel** to go through **the eye of a needle**, than for a **rich man to enter** into the kingdom of God.

James 1

¹¹ For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall **the rich man fade away in his ways**.

1 Timothy 6

⁵ Perverse disputings of men of **corrupt minds**, and **destitute of the truth**, **supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw** thyself.

2 Timothy 3

⁵ Having a **form of godliness**, but **denying the power** thereof: **from such turn away**.

1 Timothy 6

⁶ But **godliness with contentment is great gain**.

1 Timothy 6

¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness**.

2 Peter 1

⁵ And beside this, giving all **diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

⁶ And **to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

⁷ And **to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity**.

Charity – [NT:26](#) ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from [NT:25](#); love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:

KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Godliness leads us always to LOVE

Principles of the Gospel

1 Peter 4 - Suffering

Reinforcement of Suffering (*cont*)

The Will of God

Not without doing all things as unto the LORD

1 Peter 4

¹⁹ Wherefore [so too] **let them that suffer** according to the will of God **commit the keeping of their souls** to him in **well doing**, as unto a **faithful Creator**.

Suffer – [NT:3958](#) πάσχω **pascho** (pas'-kho); including the forms (patho (path'-o) and pentho (pen'-tho)), used only in certain tenses for it; apparently a primary verb; to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful):

KJV - feel, passion, suffer, vex.

Commit the keeping – [NT:3908](#) παρατίθημι **paratithemi** (par-at-ith'-ay-mee); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:5087](#); to place alongside, i.e. present (food, truth); by implication, to deposit (as a trust or for protection):

KJV - allege, commend, commit (the keeping of), put forth, set before.

Souls – [NT:5590](#) ψυχή **psuche** (psoo-khay'); from [NT:5594](#); breath, i.e. (by implication) spirit, abstractly or concretely (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from [NT:4151](#), which is the rational and immortal soul; and on the other from [NT:2222](#), which is mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew [OT:5315](#), [OT:7307](#) and [OT:2416](#)):

KJV - heart (+-ily), life, mind, soul, + us, + you.

Well doing – [NT:16](#) ἀγαθοποιία **agathopolia** (ag-ath-op-oy-ee'-ah); from [NT:17](#); well-doing, i.e. virtue: **KJV** - well-doing.

Faithful – [NT:4103](#) πιστός **pistos** (pis-tos'); from [NT:3982](#); objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful: **KJV** - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

Creator – [NT:2939](#) κτιστής **ktistes** (ktis-tace'); from [NT:2936](#); a founder, i.e. God (as author of all things): **KJV** - Creator.

Our souls are saved by the earnest deposit of the Holy Spirit woven into the fabric of our spiritual being thus keeping of our souls from death...the second death.

We should commit to the Holy Spirit who keeps our souls from death...

The only way the Scriptures tells us that we do that is be DOING GOOD... even as we should do directly unto the ONE and ONLY Creator our God who is author of ALL THINGS.

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1 Peter 4 - Suffering

Reinforcement of Suffering (*cont*)

1 Peter 4 (*cont*)

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The Will of God (*cont*)

Not without doing all things as unto the LORD (*cont*)

Psalm 37

⁵ **Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.**

Proverbs 16

³ **Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.**

2 Timothy 1

¹³ **Hold fast** the form of **sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, **in faith and love** which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ That good thing which was **committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost** which dwelleth in us.

Colossians 3

²³ And **whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**

I fear we misuse this Scripture so often as some assume that we do things for others and for ourselves like we would do them for the LORD and it is sufficient... However, the Scriptures more aptly applies to doing Godly works in this world as we minister the WORD of GOD like we would do those works unto the LORD GOD....

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