



Epistle of 1 Peter

1 Peter 2:21-25 - Suffering for Christ's Sake Part 1

- *1 Peter 2:21 – “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you (ye), leaving you an example for you (ye) to follow in His steps:”*
 - *ILG – For even hereunto have you been called – aorist passive indicative*
 - *What purpose – all sufferings or just wrongful sufferings?*
 - *Phil 1:29 - For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,*
 - *2 Tim 3:12 - Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*
 - *1 Peter 1:20 - For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.*
 - *since Christ also suffered for you – aorist active indicative*
 - *leaving (behind) you an example for you to follow in His steps*
 - *aorist active subjunctive*



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- Robertson – ‘The Greek word translated "*example*" (*hypogrammos*) refers to a **writing or drawing that someone placed under another sheet of paper** so he or she could trace on the upper sheet.’
 - Why is this so important, a copy!
 - What does it mean *to follow in His steps*; is this trying to be more like Jesus?
 - No, when you realize that the term *also* is included in this verse, this is nothing short of **identification!**
 - » *John 16:33 - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*
 - » *Phil 1:21 - For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*
 - » *Phil 2:5 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*
 - » *1 Peter 4:1 - Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,*
 - » *1 John 2:6 - He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*



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- *1 Peter 2:22 – “Who committed (did) no sin, Nor was deceit (guile) found in His mouth” – Isaiah 53:9*
 - Let’s pause and read **Isaiah 53!**
 - How can the serious Jew ignore this passage?
 - *did no sin* – none, no not one!!!
 - The life of the Lord Jesus Christ was one that Peter personally witnessed over 3 years.
 - His suffering was totally undeserved!
 - I’ve previously been under the teaching of very Godly man who believed Christ could have sinned – should this issue be an essential fact of our faith?
 - » *2 Cor 5:21 - For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
 - » *Heb 4:16 - For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*
 - » *1 Peter 1:19 - but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*
 - » *1 John 3:5 - And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.*

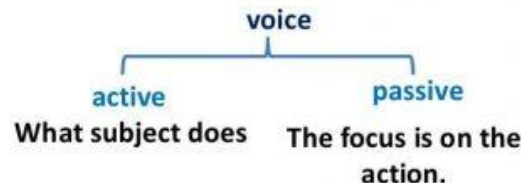


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- *Nor was deceit (guile) found in His mouth*
 - *guile, dolos – craftiness, trickery, lacking honesty*
 - » *Mark 14:1 - After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death.*
- ***1 Peter 2:23 – “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;”***
 - *Calvin – ‘revile is a harsher railing, which not only rebukes a man but also sharply bites him and stamps him with open contumely (insolently or insultingly). It is to wound a man with an accursed sting.*

Active and passive voice





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- Here we have 5 verbs; how many are in the **passive vs. active** tenses, 5 vs. 0; 4 vs. 1; 3 vs. 2; 2 vs. 3; 1 vs. 4; 0 vs. 5?
- Why is this so important and how do the verb tenses relate to us?
- Hiebert – *‘Peter's picture of what Jesus did not do seems clearly molded by his memory of the messianic picture in Isaiah 53:6-7. Yet rather than quoting this passage, he gives his own confirmatory witness, thereby underlining the veracity of the prophetic portrayal.’*
- Why didn't Christ *threaten* back?
 - Because there was a responsibility given Him from time eternal.
 - 1 John 2:2 - *And He Himself is the **propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but **also for the whole world**.*
 - Heb 12:3 - *For consider Him who **endured such hostility from sinners against Himself**, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*
- *but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*
 - Of interest *threatened, reviled not again and committed (entrusting)* are



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- all *perfect active indicative* – He kept on not threatening, not reviling and committing.
- And He finished what He came to do.
 - *Luke 23:46 - And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ Having said this, He breathed His last.*
- And there’s an application here for us – this is a life!
 - *1 Tim 1:12 - For this reason 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 what I have committed to Him until that Day.*
 - *Acts 17:30,31 - “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”*
- **And if there was no resurrection, our faith is dead – keep looking down, this is our home!**