

1 Peter 3:17

by John Gill

It is better to suffer for well doing, such as believing in Christ, than for evil doing, as it is more honourable and profitable.

Scripture: Matthew 5:10-12, Romans 8:28, Philippians 1:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 2 Timothy 3:12, Hebrews 12:11, James 1:12, 1 Peter 2:20, 1 Peter 3:17, 1 Peter 4:15

Topics: "God's Sovereignty", "Suffering for Righteousness"

Description

John Gill emphasizes that suffering for doing good is more honorable and beneficial than suffering for wrongdoing, as it aligns with God's will. He explains that all events, including the afflictions faced by believers, are under God's sovereign control, encouraging patience and submission in trials. Gill highlights the importance of maintaining a good conscience and living righteously in Christ, contrasting this with the consequences of evil actions.

Transcript

Ver. 17. For it is better, if the will of God be so,.... For all things are ordered by the will of God, even all the sufferings and afflictions of the saints; and which is a reason why they ought to be patiently submitted to, and bore: and "better" it is, more honourable and profitable,

that ye suffer for well doing; for believing in Christ, professing him and his Gospel, giving a free and open reason for so doing, and for exercising a good conscience, and living godly in Christ Jesus:

than for evil doing; as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a busy body in other men's matters, 1Pe 4:15.

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