

1 Peter 4:15

by John Gill

John Gill's sermon on 1 Peter 4:15 emphasizes the importance of suffering righteously and avoiding wrongful actions that tarnish a Christian's character.

Scripture: Genesis 9:6, Exodus 22:1, Proverbs 28:13, Matthew 7:1-2, Galatians 6:5, 1 Thessalonians 4:11, 2 Thessalonians 3:11, 1 Timothy 5:13, James 4:11, 1 Peter 4:15

Topics: "Accountability", "Righteous Living"

Description

John Gill emphasizes that Christians should not suffer for wrongdoing, such as murder, theft, or being a busybody in others' affairs. He explains that the consequences of such actions are severe, as outlined in the law of God, and that suffering for these reasons is disgraceful for a believer. Instead, Christians are called to live righteously and focus on their own responsibilities rather than meddling in the lives of others. Gill warns against the dangers of covetousness and the pursuit of others' goods, which can lead to moral failure. Ultimately, he encourages believers to uphold their integrity and character in all circumstances.

Transcript

Ver. 15. But let none of you suffer as a murderer,.... The punishment for murder was death by the law of God, Ge 9:6

or as a thief; whose fine or mulct, according to the Jewish law, was a fivefold or fourfold restitution, according to the nature of the thing that was stolen, Ex 22:1

or as an evildoer; a breaker of any of the laws of God or men, which are of a moral nature, and for the good of civil society:

or as a busybody in other men's matters; "or as a bishop in another man's diocese"; that concerns himself in things he has nothing to do with, and neglects his own affairs, and lives in idleness, and upon the spoil of others; or takes upon him to manage, direct, order, and command other men's servants, or persons that do not belong to him, to do his business, or whatsoever he pleases. The Vulgate Latin version renders it, "a desirer of other's goods"; and the Ethiopic version, "a covetous desirer of other's things"; and so is led on by an insatiable thirst for them, to obtain them in an evil way, either by secret fraud, or open violence and oppression. To suffer in any such cases is scandalous and dishonourable, and unbecoming the character of a Christian. This last clause is left out in the Syriac version.

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