

Conformed to the Image of Christ: Christ's Suffering

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- “and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” (Romans 8:17)
- Ref: Matthew 27:46-48; Mark 15:33-39; Luke 23:33-49; John 19:26-30

I) Always Forgiving! (Luke 23:33-34)

- “When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. ³⁴ But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.”

II) Always Ministering! (Luke 23:39-42)

- “One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” ⁴³ And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:39-43)

III) Always Loving! (John 19:26-27)

- “When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He *said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”²⁷ Then He *said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.” (John 19:26-27)

IV) Always Suffering! (John 19:28-29)

- “After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, *said, “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)

V) Always Seeking! (Matthew 27:46,48)

- “About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”⁴⁷ And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, “This man is calling for Elijah.”⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.” (Matthew 27:46-48)

VI) Always Entrusting! (Luke 23:46-47; Mark 15:37-39)

- “And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.” Having said this, He breathed His last.
⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent.” (Luke 23:46-47)

VII) Always Finishing! (John 19:30)

- “Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” (John 19:30)

- “Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”
(2 Timothy 2:3)
- “Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (2 Timothy 3:12)
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