

Suffering For Good

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1 Peter 3:1-12

Have you ever heard someone say that if God is indeed good, there should be no evil on earth? It is as if they think evil discredits all God's goodness. Saint Augustine, despite living at end of the fourth century A.D., brings a very fresh perspective on this matter: He affirmed that evil was the absence of good, and since God is good, evil was the absence God himself.

That is why when we suffer for what is good we may still experience His presence in our lives. First Peter 3:17 affirms that "it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing God than for doing evil." Certainly, God did not create us for suffering, but since we live in a world that has chosen to live apart from God, we might at one time or another, experience suffering.

For the sake of a good and clean conscience, if God allows us to suffer, it is better to suffer for doing things that show others a God of love, justice, and goodness.

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