



A LIVING HOPE



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 PETER 1:3 (NIV)



Text: [1 Peter 3:18-4:11](#)

Peter is dealing with the challenging topic of suffering. **"For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil."**([1 Peter 3:17](#)). How should Christians relate to and understand suffering for doing good?



In **Christ** we are united with Him and **Made New**

The Exalted Christ

[1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

Peter recalls the suffering of Jesus. Jesus suffered, the righteous for the unrighteous. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. Jesus, the suffering Servant, is now exalted. He has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand, where angles, authorities and powers are in submission to Him.



Romans 6:3-5
(NIV)

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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John 15:18-20
(NIV)

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

Alive To God
[1 Peter 4:1-11](#)

New life in Christ is not only a future hope; it's a new you today.

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**BRIDGING THE
CONTEXT**

Take a moment to connect God's Word to our lives today

Bridging The Context

we are **UNITED** with **Christ** as Christians

our lives are **MADE NEW**

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