

**Supremacy of God in Missions Through Suffering**  
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**Martyr Models from the Life of the Church:**

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**Do we need Martyr Models?**

- In 1993 about 150,000 Christians martyred (David Barrett).
- Galatians 5:24... “crucifying the flesh.”
- John 15:20... “they will persecute you.”
- 1 Peter 2:20-21... “Christ...an example.”
- Christ as substitute and pattern.

**Prepare for Suffering Now!**

- Is suffering normal for Christians?
- 1 Peter 4: 1 & 12... “arm yourselves with this thought.”
- Hebrews 13: 12-14... “go forth with Him outside the camp.”
- Examples of suffering: Sudan, China, CHBC.

**Does God Allow or Appoint the Suffering of His Messengers?**

- Acts 4:27 – 28... “what your power and will had decided....”
- Philippians 1:29... “it has been given to you...to suffer.”
- 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4... “we were destined for them.”

**Why Does God Appoint Suffering for His Servants?**

- Deeper faith and greater holiness  
2 Corinthians 1: 8-9
- To give us greater joy in our reward and the glory of Christ  
2 Corinthians 4: 17-18
- To wake up other Christians and make them bold  
Philippians 1:14

- To open the eyes and hearts of the lost.  
1 Thessalonians 1: 5-6
- Suffering moves Christians to the places He wants them to go  
Acts 8:1, Acts 11:19
- Suffering magnifies the power and worth of Christ  
2 Corinthians 12: 9 – 10

**Why do Christians Rejoice in Suffering?**

- Acts 5: 41... “left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing...”
- Hebrews 10: 34... “joyfully accepted confiscation...”

**Should Christians Choose to Suffer for the Sake of the Name?**

- Psalm 63:3... “steadfast love of the Lord is better than life.”
- Phil. 3: 7-8... “suffer loss...that I may gain Christ.”
- Glad suffering shines brighter than gratitude.

**How is Our Hope Made Visible?(1 Peter 3:15).**

- Missions and a wartime lifestyle.
- American retirement vs. Christian discipleship
- Planning reveals the real hopes of the heart.
- Raymond Lull (1235 – 1315)

**What does your view of suffering say about the worth of the Gospel compared to the comforts of the world?**

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. And the supremacy of that glory shines most brightly when the satisfaction that we have in him endures in spite of suffering and pain in the mission of love. – John Piper.

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