Suffering As a Christian

Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

The morals of society have never been the same as those found in the New Testament. Sometimes there have been similarities but at other times they have been far different. The morals in this country have been drifting farther and farther away from Bible morals: marriage is just a "relationship" subject to end for any reason; co-habitation before marriage is commonplace; perverted lifestyles are defended as acceptable; right-or-wrong has been replaced by "if it feels right, it's okay." And many churches have fallen prey to such nonsense.

The challenge for Christians today is to stand firm for Bible morals, no matter who criticizes, or what the cost may be.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

1 Peter 4:12-16

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