

18 April 2014 (Good Friday): Preached by Rev Stephen Khoo

Topic: **Christ Suffered for Us**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 4:1-2

1. It is pleasing to God when we remember the Lord Jesus' suffering and death for us on Good Friday. The reason is that we are people who are prone to forget God's love for us.

2. 1 Peter 4:1 tells us that Jesus Christ suffered for us in the flesh. He is the Just One dying for the unjust ones. We must never forget this truth that Jesus came to this sinful world to save us and bring us back to God the Father. There is only one way for sinners to be saved and Jesus Christ is the way and He paid the price for us on the cross.

3. We must not think that there is no pain for Jesus in His sufferings on the cross just because He is fully God. Jesus is also at the same time fully man and felt the pain of being smote and mocked at, and then to be crucified.

4. The Lord Jesus Christ suffered greatly in the hands of sinners and yet He bore it silently. There was extreme physical and mental pain that Jesus bore for us. When Jesus was bearing our sins on the cross, He has to bear the separation from God the Father for the first time.

5. We must remember that Jesus died for sinners and more importantly, He died for me personally. Because of Jesus' love and death for me, I must now be ready to suffer for Him and to cease from sin. I must not live in the lusts of men, but rather in the will of God.