

1 Peter

Outline:

1. Doctrine: 1:1-12
2. Exhortations: 1:13-5:14
 - Sanctification (1:13-2:12)
 - Submission (2:13-3:12)
 - Suffering (3:13-4:19)
 - Service (5:1-14)

The message

- God has begotten us to a living hope (1:3f)
- We are “in heaviness through manifold temptations” (1:6)
- This is the true grace of God (5:12)

The application/exhortations

- The living hope is the motive for holiness in this lifetime (1:13f)
- Be holy as God is holy (1:15)
- Conduct yourself in fear (1:17)
 - The precious Cornerstone
 - The efficacious Word
- Pilgrims and sojourners
 - Submission
 - Suffering
 - Service

Suffering in Hope

We are God's special people (2:9)

- Expect glory now
- Health and wealth gospel
- Suffering is due to sin or lack of faith

Suffering is a reality

- Adversity in this lifetime – the curse; the devil (1 Peter 5:8-9)
- Persecution for faith in Christ and holiness
- NOT – judgment from God for sin or meritorious
- Suffering is an essential part of Christianity
2 Cor. 4:7-12; Phil 1:29; 3:10
- There is value in suffering
 - Trial of faith is precious to God
 - Pleasing to God (2:20)

Lesson: Suffering in hope

- Suffering and blessing (3:13-21)
 - Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts (3:13-17)
 - Christ's example of suffering (3:18-19, 22)
 - Noah's example of suffering (3:20-21)
- Suffering and the mind of Christ (4:1-6)
- Suffering and the end of all things (4:7-11)
- Suffering and joy (4:12-16)
- Suffering and the faithful Creator (4:17-19)

Suffering in Hope

1. Suffering and blessing (3:13-21)

- Who is he who will harm the followers of what is good?
 - We live in a world of harm
(1:6; 2:11-12, 18-20, 21-23, 3:9; 4:12)
 - The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
 - For righteousness sake – not for personal offense
- The reality – you are blessed, not harmed.

The Christian response:

- Fear not
 - Isaiah 8:12
 - He is your sanctuary
- Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts
 - Col. 3:1-3 – set mind upon Christ.
 - Isaiah 8:16-17 – I will hope in Him
 - Matt. 6:33 – seek first the Kingdom of God.
 - 1 Peter 1:3 – begotten to a living hope
 - 1 Peter 1:13 – set hope fully on grace to be brought . . .
- Have a good conscience
 - Acts 24:13-16
 - Heb. 10:22 – evil, Titus 1:15– defiled; 1 Tim. 4:2 seared
 - Heb. 9:14 – purged conscience – by the blood of Christ
 - No guilt before God and man
- God's will for us to suffer

Suffering in Hope

Christ's example (3:18)

- Penal, vicarious, expiatory
- Suffered to bring us to God
- Suffered in the flesh, but alive in the spirit
- He preached by the Spirit to spirits in prison (3:19-20)
 - He preached through Noah.
 - He preached to the dead from Noah's era
 - He preached to the evil spirits of Noah's era
 - Meaning: victory achieved, even though delayed.

The example of the ark (3:21)

- The ark is a type – a picture of salvation
- The anti-type – baptism
 - Not the emersion in water
 - The answer of a good conscience toward God
 - Saved by union with Christ – in His resurrection.

Suffering in hope

2. Suffering and the mind of Christ (4:1-6)

- Arm yourself with the same mind – Phil 2:5-11
- 2 Cor. 4:7-11 – earthen vessels; the dying of Christ in our body
 - To show His power
 - To show faith in Him – 1 Peter 1:6 and 4:19
- Sufferer has ceased from sin
 - The will of the Gentiles no longer prevails
 - The will of God dominates our lives
 - Therefore, they speak evil of us

3. Suffering and the end of all things (4:7-11)

- The end of all things is at hand
 - Serious and watchful in prayers
 - Love for the brethren (1:22-23)
 - Hospitable
 - Ministering
- Glory of Christ now and forever

4. Suffering and joy (4:12-16)

- Rejoicing in the life of Christ
- Rejoicing in our hope

5. Suffering and the faithful Creator (4:17-19)

- Judgment begins at the house of God
 - Proverbs 11:31
- Suffering according to the will of God
- Entrust yourself to your faithful Creator

Suffering in Hope

- ▶ Suffering is the will of God
- ▶ In suffering, we are blessed
- ▶ In suffering, we experience our union with Christ
- ▶ In suffering, we display the mind of Christ
- ▶ In suffering, we are stewards of the manifold grace of God
- ▶ In suffering, we rejoice
- ▶ In suffering, we entrust ourselves to our faithful Creator

Romans 8:18