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)
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