

Sermon Notes



Title: *The Victory of Suffering*

Text: I Peter 3:13-22

Theme: The hope Scripture gives you is that your suffering will not end in defeat, but in victory. And that is because Christ's suffering has established the ultimate victory in life and paved the way for your victory in the Lord's good time.

I. There Is _____ and Virtue If You
_____ for the Sake of
_____ (13-17)

II. Christ Jesus' _____ Through Suffering Is the
Ultimate _____ That Suffering for What Is Right
Reaps Tremendous _____ (18-22)

III. Applications

- A. You have the _____ to know _____ you believe and _____.
- B. Your eternal destiny is realized and confirmed between your _____ and your _____. There is no _____ to accept the Gospel after you pass from this earth.
- C. You can be assured that if and when you _____ for Christ, there will be a _____ result.
- D. When you are _____ upon a true _____ of Christ as your Savior and Lord, you make an appeal and a pledge to God Who grants you a clean _____ because of what Christ did on the cross.

Next Week Read: I Peter 3:14b-16

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What brings a special blessing (v. 14a)?
2. When you suffer for Christ, what kind of attitude are you to have toward those who cause you trouble (v. 14b)?
3. How are you to respond to those who demand to know why you have hope in Christ (v. 15)?
4. What is important to maintain when you are being slandered and maligned for your faith in Christ (v. 16a)? Why is it important to maintain this vital aspect (v. 16b)?
5. Whose suffering brought about the highest and ultimate good (v. 18a)?
6. For what did Jesus suffer? How did Christ suffer? For whom did Christ suffer? Why did Christ suffer? (v. 18a,b)?
7. What did Christ Jesus do after His death and resurrection (v. 19a)?
8. At what time in the history of the world was the patience of God very evident at a time of great evil and defection from what was right (v. 19b)?
9. What kind of baptism saves (v. 20)?
10. After suffering unjustly, where is our Lord Jesus Christ now (v. 22)?
11. What does it mean to “make a defense” for the hope that is within you (v. 15)?
12. Why is it necessary and important to be able to give a defense of the faith?
13. How does one dishonor Christ as Lord as he makes an answer for what he believes?
14. What are some of the interpretations of verses 19 and 20 regarding the preaching to the spirits in prison? Which viewpoint do you support, if any? What are the problems with the various viewpoints? What is Peter’s reason for these verses in his overall argument?
15. Is there a second chance to believe the Gospel after death? Why or why not?
16. How might Genesis 6:1-4 relate to 1 Peter 3:19-20?
17. Why does Peter mention baptism in his argument?
18. How does baptism save? How does baptism not save?
19. Where do you find the death, resurrection, and ascension in Peter’s argument? How do these aspects of our Lord’s mission relate to victory over suffering?
20. In what ways have you suffered for the sake of righteousness? If a believer has not suffered or been persecuted for the Lord’s sake, does this mean he or she has not been living a godly life for the Lord? Explain.