

# ***FIRST PETER***

## ***Sure Hope for Unsure Days***

### ***Arm Yourselves with Christ***

#### ***1 Peter 4:1-6***

#### **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty Father in heaven, you order and ordain all things in your providence according to your wise and good end. Thank you for your constant care and provision for us this morning. All we experience, all we have, all that we are has come from your hand. Both good and bad, rejoicing and weeping have been good gifts to us and are being used to turn our hearts with hope to trust and give you praise. Lord, we confess our hearts are often weary and heavy laden. We are so much more apt to murmur and grumble than to praise you for our daily gifts and graces. In Christ alone will our lives be full and flourishing. We have no life in ourselves. It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. Oh grant repentance when we seek to pursue life without Christ and grant us faith to trust Jesus Christ our Savior, our bread of life promised to give life and life abundantly. It is in His name, the One and only way, truth and life; that we ask these things. Amen & Amen.

#### **OUTLINE**

##### **Arm Yourselves**

1. With the Suffering of the Savior (4:1-2)
2. With the Warning of the Judgment (4:3-5)
3. With the Promised of the Gospel (4:6)

#### ***Central Textual Truth***

*Peter calls the exiles to arm themselves to suffer as Christ did with hope of glory.*

#### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to arm ourselves to suffer with the hope of Christ's glory assured.*