



First Peter Message Series
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OUR RESPONSE TO SUFFERING & SALVATION 1 PETER 3:13-22

Review:

- 🌐 What will always prevail? _____.
- 🌐 What will followers of Christ be known for? _____.
- 🌐 We are to turn from _____, and do what is good.

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1. We Have Confidence When We Do What is Good.

- 🌐 When we suffer for righteousness, we are still _____.
- 🌐 “Not the cause of suffering, but the cause for which one suffers, makes the _____.” (Augustine)
- 🌐 Daily, we pick up our *cross* and _____ Christ (Matt. 16:24)
- 🌐 Do not live in _____, don’t allow others to bring up fear in your heart, even a step more – don’t even allow it to _____ you.
- 🌐 “If you do not control fear, fear will _____ you.” Tony Evans.
- 🌐 We serve the God that has _____ lost a battle, and never will.
- 🌐 SO we must guard our thoughts, emotions, and tongue. Be careful what you allow in your gates: (hearing, seeing, touching,) (Isa. 8:12,13 Prov. 9:10)
- 🌐 Be _____ to give a defense for our faith, for the hope that is in you. (vs14b)

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2. Commit to Action. 1 Peter 3:15-16

- 🌐 God is not looking for _____.
- 🌐 God wants people to be ready, get up, jump in, and be about the King's business living and pursuing a life of righteousness and holiness.
- 🌐 We must be ready (and) willing to give testimony about Him with _____ & _____, but not backing down from the truth.
- 🌐 Christ has your back! He is the one that will put naysayers to _____.
- 🌐 If it's God's will for us to suffer for a time, it is still better to suffer for God's will, and not because of doing what is _____ in God's eyes.

3. Christ Has Been There.

- 🌐 Christ (though perfect and without sin) suffered for all. The righteous for the _____. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- 🌐 Why? So He might bring us to God. (John 14:6) Unless you come through Christ will not be saved, nor find peace with and in God.
- 🌐 Christ died once for all – pointing to our _____ in salvation in Christ. (vs18)
- 🌐 Salvation:
 - Is Through Faith and Faith Alone. Eph. 2:8
 - It happened when you followed the path of Biblical salvation found in Romans 10:9, Romans 3:23, and Titus 3:5
 - Only then are we secure in His hands and have the promise of eternal life in Heaven.
 - Those rejecting God's gift of salvation will be cast into Hell. Hell is a real place, but it is not meant for you. You still have a choice and a chance. Once you're are dead – there are not more chances, not offerings of forgiveness, not salvation after death – you must choose now.
 - Proof – Luke 16:23-24, Matthew 13:42, Revelation 20:15.
 - It is a serious matter, and the most important decision you will ever make.

Have you made this life changing decision? If not, today is the day to do so.

Please complete a connect card and let us know, and a pastor will contact your preferred method of contact. We would love to give/get you resources to help you start your New Life in Christ.

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4. A Picture of Salvation. 1 Peter 3:20-21

- 🌐 God waited patiently for the disobedient in the days of Noah to come to Him and He is still waiting now for people to come to Him through _____.
- 🌐 What were the people doing in the days of Noah?
 - They were eating and drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage
 - Genesis 6:11-12 says the earth (people) were corrupt in God's sight, the earth was filled with violence,
 - Genesis 4:4 says – people were wicked, and that all they thought about was how to do evil.
 - Noah the “Preacher of Righteousness” (2 Peter 2:3) warning his friends, neighbors...everyone, what Holy God was about to do. No. One. Listened.
 - Their sin, and refusal to change their heart caused them to be killed in the flood. – it was their own choice. They had heard the gospel, and knew the consequence. Just like you do.
 - The 8 that listened – family – were saved from the storm/rain, the others perished.
- 🌐 Deliverance does _____ come through water baptism. (3:21) But by testifying that we have entered the ‘ark’ of safety - _____.
- 🌐 We can rest assured that Jesus stands ready to come collect His church/ bride in the _____, at this point He is at the right hand of God the Father and angels, authorities, and powers are subject to Him.

Today is the day of salvation.

Today is the day of surrendering our lives to God and His will for us.

Today is the day we accept our earthly suffering knowing that we are still blessed.

Today is the day we call out to God with thankful and grateful hearts for saving us.

Today is the day that we get back on track – living a life pleasing to God.

Today is the day you leave here knowing God has got your back, no enemy will defeat you, no suffering will crush you, we may get down, but we get back up in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today you will realize that – You. Have. Victory.