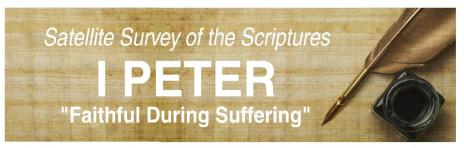
4. Because we suffer with joy and confidence

4:12-16

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Bill Ehmann



As the first century church grew in numbers and spread geographically, the Roman government became more skeptical and critical, allowing persecution and even using force in an attempt to eliminate it. Followers of Jesus faced the reality of choosing submission and compromise, or suffering and even death.

The Apostle Peter, guided by the Holy Spirit, wrote to hurting Christians with encouragement and a challenge to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by doing what is right and leaving the consequences in the hand of Creator God.

Suffering for the cause of Christ is a privilege:

1. Because we have a secure hope

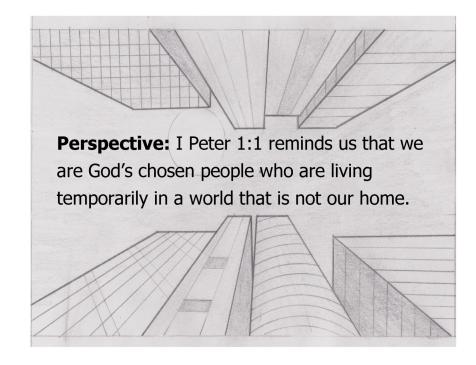
1:3-9

- 2. Because we are living stones in God's house 2:4-10; 21-23
- 3. Because we are members of one family

3:8-16

5. Because we lead with humility

5:6-7





9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service

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