

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Victory through Suffering

1 Peter 3:18-20

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are and you are able. Your power, dominion, and greatness have no equal. You are mighty altogether and plentifully merciful toward all your creation. Blessed be your name. LORD Jesus grant us your Spirit this morning that we might turn away from our foolish efforts to “make things better”, or deliver and rescue our disparaging hearts from the sorrow & suffering world around us & so often that we find within us, in our own souls. LORD grant us faith that we might rest our weary, afflicted souls in your lavish grace and strong support for your people, your church, this congregation. Accomplish these things we ask, LORD, not only or primarily for our good but instead for the glory of Jesus Christ our sufficient Savior. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Christ's Suffering: Victory Accomplished (v. 18)
2. Christ's Descent : Victory Illustrated (vv. 19-20)
3. Christ Exaltation : Victory Symbolized (vv. 21-22)

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls these elect exiles to trust Christ's victory through suffering.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's sure victory through suffering.