

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Persevere in Time of Judgment

1 Peter 4:15-18

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are Righteous. You judge with perfect equity and in perfect wisdom. Your judgments are right, true, good and worthy of not only our approval but also our praise. Blessed be your righteous name. Lord, we confess our choices & judgments are often more directed by our own preferences than by your character & your law. LORD, we prioritize comfort & temporary pleasures over faithfulness & eternal blessings. LORD grant us your Spirit this morning that we might seek first your kingdom and your righteousness that we might rest in your ordering and ordaining our very days for your glory & our joy. May we see our need to trust Christ through the preaching of your righteousness this morning. We ask these things in His righteous name. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

Persevere in Suffering

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| 1. An Uncommon Expectation (v. 12) | - Be Not Surprised |
| 2. An Uncommon Reaction (v. 13) | - Be Not Discouraged |
| 3. An Uncommon Affirmation (v. 14) | - Be Not Offended |
| 4. An Uncommon Intention (vv. 15-16) | - Be Not Ashamed |
| 5. An Uncommon Occasion (vv. 17-18) | - Be Not Hopeless |

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls his exiles to persevere through Christ's time of judgment.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to persevere through Christ's time of judgment.