

1 PETER

Hope & Suffering

"Responding to Suffering, Part 1; Pursue Holiness"

INTRO: *If WE are secure (1:1-2) and our INHERITANCE is secure (1:3-12), how should Believers respond to trials in an unfair, and at times, hostile world? The answer will be revealed over the next few weeks.*

I. Believers and their heavenly _____, are divinely _____. *This was Peter's opening argument and foundational to all that follows (Cf. 1:1-12).*

II. Believers are not promised protection from _____ until Jesus _____. *God has a purpose for the trials we suffer: Trials prove faith and precede glory (cf. 1:7-12).*

III. Because we will _____ until Jesus _____, pursue _____ (1:13-21). *This pursuit is all-consuming and requires a prepared mind, a sober spirit (attitude), and a fixation on the hope of glorification when Christ return.*

A. Pursue holiness because God is _____ (1:13-16). *God has called His people (Old Testament and New Testament alike) to imitate His character.*

B. Pursue holiness because God is _____ (1:17). *A believer's reverence for God (**fear**) is similar to what a child's reverence for his/her earthly father should be, and remembers the great price paid to redeem a people to become spiritual children of the Most High.*