

1 PETER

Hope & Suffering

"Responding to Suffering, Part 2; Love Your Family"

INTRO: *Peter's first piece of wisdom for responding to trials was to passionately pursue holiness, making it our trademark. In a short passage that we study today, Peter shares a second response.*

I. Salvation inducts Believers into a spiritual _____ where a _____ love is characteristic (1:22).

Our spiritual family is the Church. In our purification, we now share a brotherly love for other Christians that is to be unhyprocritical.

II. Life-threatening _____ may curtail the expression of _____ love for our spiritual family.

When suffering persists and even intensifies, Believers may forget important things and cloud their Biblical perspective for a proper response.

III. Because God's _____ is eternal and earthly _____ is not, _____ love your spiritual family despite life-threatening _____ (1:23-25).

We are liberated to risk this kind of love during trials because we are promised eternal life.

A. Fervent love is _____, _____, and _____ - _____.

B. Fervent love during trials is most powerfully expressed in _____ (Cf. 1 Peter 4:8).