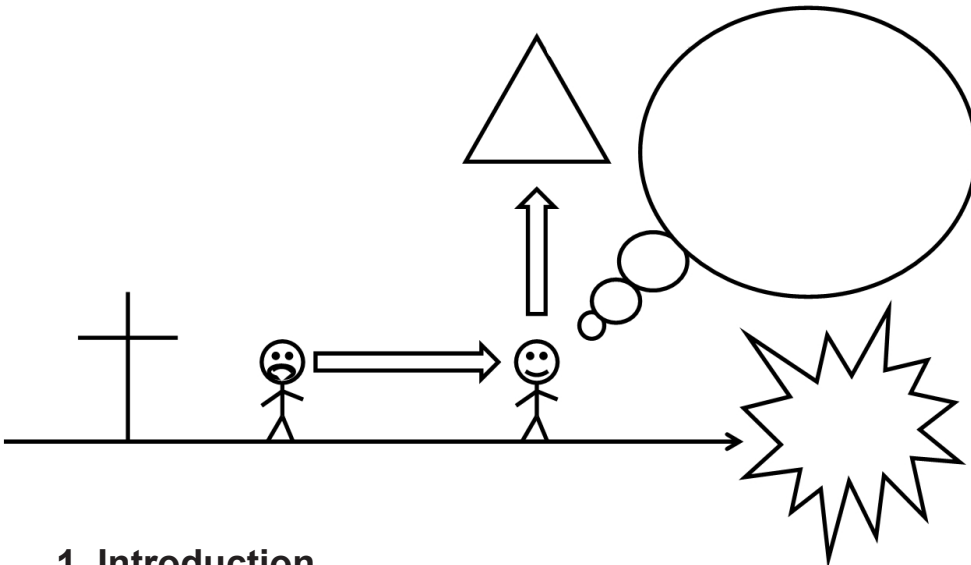


Session 7 – 1 Peter 3:1-12

The Mission of Suffering Believers in the World

*Hope in Suffering:
Studies in First Peter*
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1. Introduction

- Peter is concerned about how we _____ to those who sin against us, particularly unbelievers. Being sinned against is perhaps the greatest _____ to reveal Christ to others.
 - Jesus' suffering is our example of righteous suffering.
 - Jesus' suffering communicates power for righteous suffering.

2. Submit to Husbands (Honor Wives) (3:1-7)

3:1-6 Wives

- **v. 1-2 Exhortation:** Submit to your _____ husband and let your behavior speak for you. Live without verbal reference to the _____.
- **v. 3-4 Explanation:** Not being consumed with _____ appearance but rather with your hidden _____ person, your heart. Conduct will triumph over words.
 - **gentle**= (Matt. 11:29) _____, considerate
 - **quiet**= well ordered, to carry out ones responsibilities without _____.
- **v. 5-6 Example:** Be like holy women of former times who expressed their _____ in God by being submissive to their husbands.
 - **“The ones who hoped in God”**= Hope is expressed, not only within our mind, but by our _____ and words.
 - **“Doing good”**= Means both remaining _____ to God and showing obedient respect towards her husband.

Outline for 1 Peter:

- Salutation (1:1-2)
- God's Gracious Activity in the Lives of Suffering Believers (1:3-2:10)
- The Mission of Suffering Believers in the World (2:11-4:6)
 - The General Strategy (2:11-12)
 - The Specific Strategy (2:13-3:12)
 - Submit to Civil Authority (2:13-17)
 - Submit to Masters (2:18-25)
 - **Submit to Husbands (Honor Wives) (3:1-7)**
 - **Do Good to All (3:8-12)**
 - The Promise of Vindication (3:13-4:6)
- The Mission of Suffering Believers in the Church (4:7-5:11)
- Final Greeting (5:12-14)

Notes

3:7 Husbands

• **Exhortation: Live with her according to knowledge=** Probably doesn't just mean "considerately" but "having been _____ by God to what he requires"

• **Reason:** "as the weaker vessel..." Peter acknowledges a _____ between male and female.

• **Exhortation: Show her honor=** Honor speaks of _____, value, _____.

• **Reason:** "as a fellow heir of the grace of life." Peter acknowledges the fundamental _____ between male and female.

• **Purpose: hindered prayers=** When we are not _____ with our wife, we are not _____ with God.

3. Do Good to All (3:8-12)

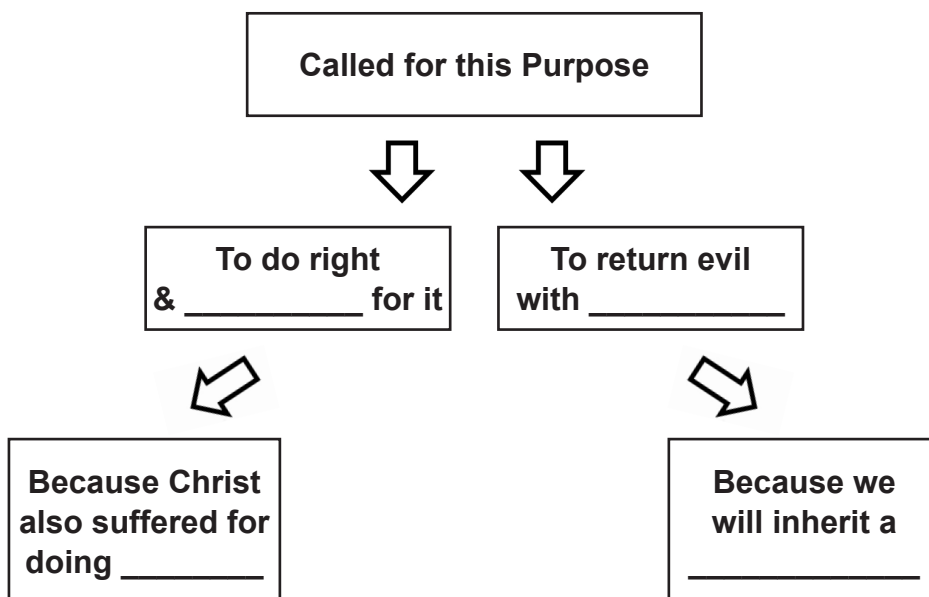
• **Logic of v. 9** Which way does it read?

• Called to _____ a blessing; therefore give a blessing

• Called to _____ a blessing in order to inherit a blessing

• **Logic of v.10-12** If you want to experience _____, you must turn away from evil and do good because God is for the righteous and against the wicked.

• **Summary:** Give _____, by your response to those who sin against you, that you are headed to eternal blessing.



Question for July 29

First Peter 3:18-22 is well-known for its complexity.

As you read this section, ask yourself the question, "What does Christ, Noah, and baptism have to do with suffering?"