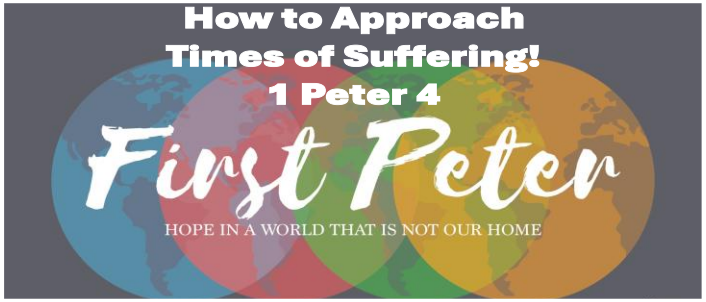

God wants Christians to have a _____ understanding of suffering!

Peter reminds us that our hope in this world is in the _____ of the Gospel and the _____ of Christ!

Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Peter outlines the benefits of suffering:

1. Suffering _____ us – V. 1-6

When life is easy, we tend to drift with the _____.

Suffering is the **"**fiery furnace**"** that refines gold, it allows our _____ to surface!

Three ways that suffering purifies us …

1) Suffering _____ us with Christ! – V. 1

It reminds us of the adversity that Christ suffered for our _____!

It brings us back to the reality of our _____ here on earth!

It renews our focus and hope of Christ's _____!

It helps us deal with our own _____!

2) Suffering reminds us that life is _____! – V. 2-3

Psalm 39:4 "Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.

3) Suffering points ahead to God's _____! – V. 4-5

2. Suffering _____ the Church – V. 7-11

Peter reveals that an alert and sober mind _____ our ability to pray as we should!

Peter reveals that love _____ a multitude of sins!

3. Suffering _____ the Lord – V. 12-19

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Every follower of Christ is to …

1) _____ trials – V. 12
2) _____ in trials – V. 13-14

We _____ to suffer for Jesus!

We will be _____ when His glory is finally revealed!

Daniel 3:13-18 {Page **1342** Pew Bible}

3) Be _____ in trials – V. 15-16

Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

4) Be a faithful _____ in trials – V. 17-18

We have our trials _____ and our glory _____**;** the lost have their glory _____ and their suffering _____.

5) _____ themselves to God – V. 19

Suffering according to God's will is the _____!

Keep on _____ on!