

Fellowship Baptist Church
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Sermon Outline for Sunday, November 22, 2020

Grown-Ups In The Room Pt.23: **“Why We Suffer is The Key.”**

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Genesis 4:1-12*

New Covenant: *1Peter 4:12-19*

II Doctrine:

The Christian holds up a mirror for degenerate people to see what they really look like to God. We utilize the word of God which is a sharp sword, not a butter knife. All people including Christians themselves, don't like being convicted by the word of God. We will be persecuted for telling spiritually dead people, they need to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We only accept the conviction of God's word because of the power of the Holy Ghost.

Christians must be careful to avoid self delusion. Make sure you are suffering righteously, and not because you are acting like people in the world. Many Christians suffer because of a lack of sanctification in their lives, and then play the “martyr”.

A loving Father will discipline his children. The suffering we face in this world will make us better citizens in heaven. God will judge his Church to push them to faithfulness, many of us will barely make it into the kingdom of heaven. Therefore we should have a heart for the lost who will suffer an infinitely worse fate. Let our conduct be true and Gospel based, so we can be used by God to reach the lost.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

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