

I. The Doctrinal Foundation for Suffering (1:1-13)

- A. Elect (1:1-3)
- B. Preserved (1:4)
- C. Proven (1:6-9)
- D. Followers of Christ (1:10-13)

A Recurring Theme

II. Practical Exhortations to Sufferers (1:14-2:12)

- A. Be holy in suffering (1:14-17; 2:11-12).
- B. Love each other in suffering (1:22-2:3; 4:7-11).

III. Specific Applications for Sufferers (2:13-3:17)

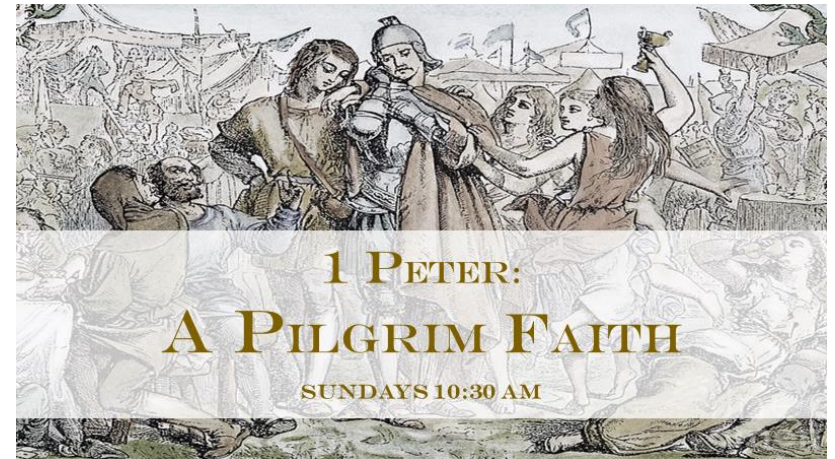
- A. Subjects of an Ungodly Empire (2:13-17)
- B. Servants of Unjust Masters (2:18-25)
- C. Wives of Unbelieving Husbands (3:1-7)
- D. All Sufferers (3:8-17)

IV. Tying it All Together (3:18-5:14)

Theological Center: 3:18-4:2

Those baptized into Christ are united with Him both in His suffering and death as well as in His resurrection and life.

- A. It is those who have died to the flesh who will also experience resurrection life. (4:1-6)
- B. It is those who suffer with Christ who will also be glorified with Him. (4:12-19)
- C. It is those who humble themselves under God in trials who will be exalted in the last time. (5:1-11)



1 Peter 4:13

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Those who would be united with Christ in His glory will be united with Him in His suffering.