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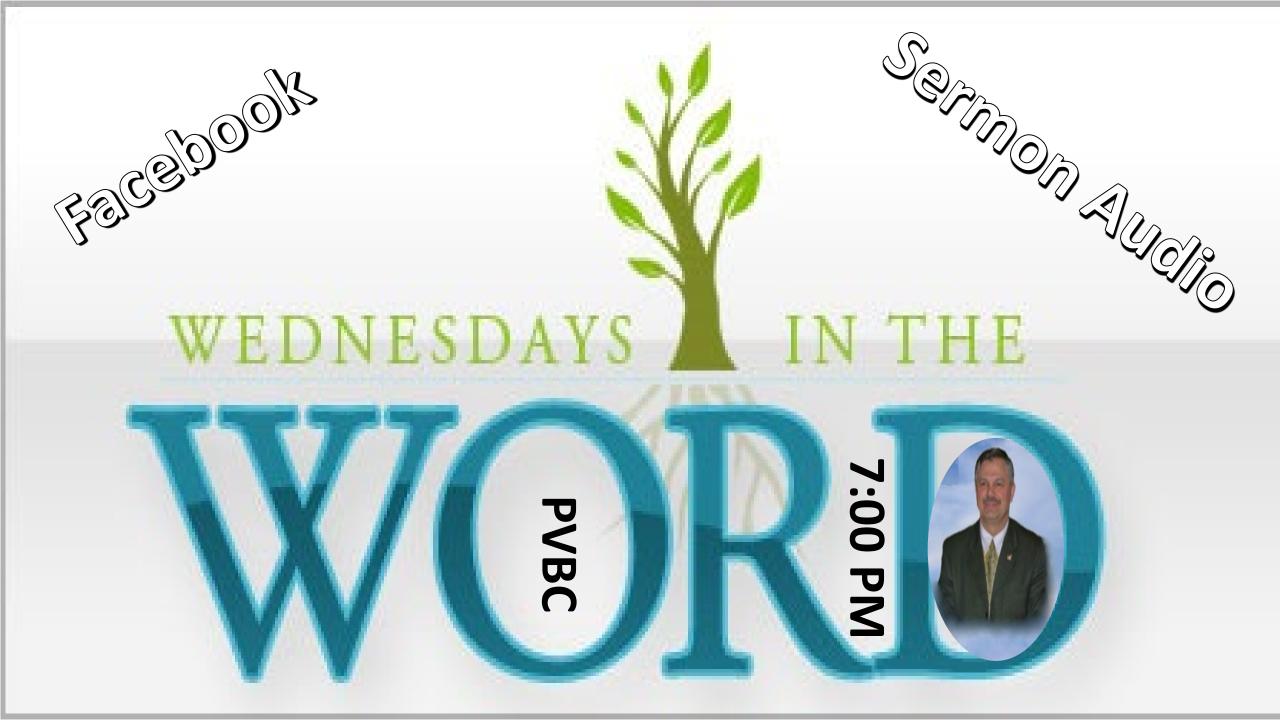
Together we are becoming! **One Spirit** 

68 Ledford Lane Cartersville, Ga. 30121 **Sunday School 10:00A.M.** 

**Morning Worship 11:00A.M.** 

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall





# Series: The Testing of your Assurance

# 1 Peter Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 PM

**II. HOW TO LIVE THROUGH SUFFERING:** 

In a Non-Christian World

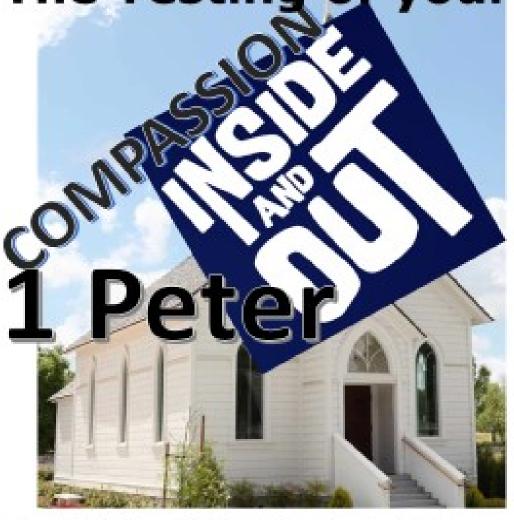
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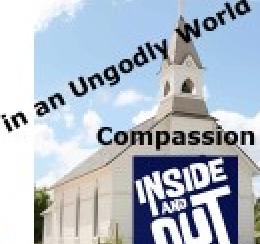
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8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

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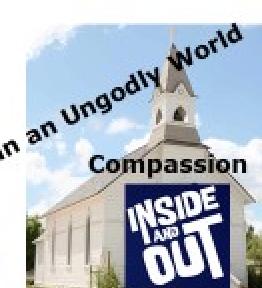


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HOW TO LIVE THROUGH SUFFERING: In a Non-Christian World

# 1 Peter 3:10 (KJV)

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# 1 Peter 3:11 (KJV)

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

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# 1 Peter 3:12 (KJV)

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# How do we "be the church" both inside and out?

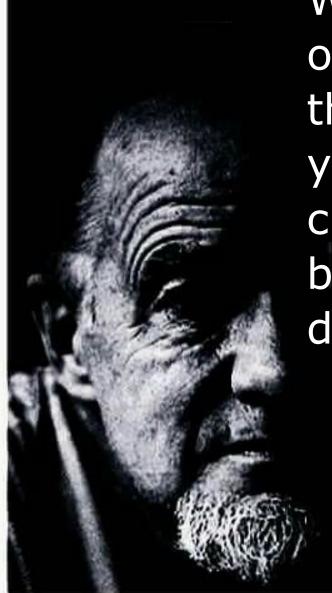
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During World War II, Hitler commanded all religious groups to unite so that he could control them. Among the Brethren assemblies, half complied and half refused. Those who went along with the Nazi order had a much easier time. Those who did not, faced harsh persecution.

In almost every family of those who resisted Hitler, someone died in a German concentration camp. When the war was over, feelings of bitterness ran deep between the groups and there was a great deal of tension. Finally, these Christians decided that the situation had to be healed. Leaders from each group met at a quiet retreat. For several days, each person spent time in prayer, examining in some his own heart in the light of Christ's commands. Then they came together.

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What did you do then?" "We were just one," he replied. "As they confessed their hostility and bitterness to God and yielded to His control, the Holy Spirit created a spirit of unity among these believers. Love filled their hearts and dissolved their hatred, hurt, and pain."

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

#### 1. Unity v.8a

8 Finally, be ye all of **one mind**, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **KJV** 

**Concord or Consensus:** 

"of one mind, concordant, or to think the same."

8 Finally, all of you, have <u>unity of mind</u>, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. **ESV** 

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#### 2. Sympathy v.8b

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having **compassion** one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **KJV** 

"suffering or feeling the like with another, to be sympathetic, to share the same feelings."

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#### 3. Brotherly Love v.8c

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **KJV** 

#### **Care for Others:**

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble Godly Virtues in an Ungodly mind. ESV

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#### 4. Tenderness v.8d

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**Concern for Others:** 

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to have strong bowels of compassion; to be tenderhearted."

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#### 5. Humility v.8e

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**Courtesy:** 

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#### 1. Christ-likeness v. 9a

9 **Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing**: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. **KJV** 

**Conquer Retaliation:** 

9 <u>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling</u>, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing of the compassion of the contrary of the cont

#### 2. Kindness v. 9b

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# As Christians, we can live on one of three levels.

1) Satanic level: Returning evil for good.

2) Standard level: We can return good for good and evil for evil.

3) Saintly level: We can return good forgody virtues in Compassion Compassion

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#### 4. Hope v. 9d

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If we view this microcosm, the human body, we shall find that the heart does not receive the blood to store it up, but while it pumps it in at one valve, it sends it forth at another. The blood is always circulating everywhere, and is stagnant nowhere. The same is true of all the fluids in a healthy body; they are in a constant state of expenditure. If one cell stores for a few moments its peculiar secretion, it only retains it till it is perfectly fitted for its appointed use in the body; for if any cell in the body should begin to store up its secretion, its store would soon become the cause of inveterate disease. Nay, the organ would soon lose the power to secrete at all, if it did not give forth its products.

#### CHARLES SPURGEON

Concerning the issue of loving and being a blessing to others



The whole of the human system lives by giving. The eye cannot say to the foot, "I have no need of thee, and will not guide thee." For if it does not perform its watchful office, the whole man will be in the ditch, and the eye will be covered with mire. If the members refuse to contribute to the general stock, the whole body will become poverty-stricken, and be given up to the bankruptcy of death. Let us learn, then, from the analogy of nature, the great lesson that, to get, we must give; that, to accumulate, we must scatter; that, to make ourselves happy, we must make others happy; and that, to get good and become spiritually vigorous, we must do good and seek the spiritual good of others.

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#### 5. Belief vv. 10-12

**Control Your Tongue** 

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: KJV

to cease, to restrain a thing or a person from something."

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When we live in sin, God is displeased with what we are doing.

When this happens, we have damaged the most important relationship we can have with someone. We hurt our relationship with the Lord.

May the Lord help us to put into practice the principles that Peter has laid out for us in this portion of this epistle.



"God didn't call me to find fulfillment in the quantity of my work for Him but in the quality of my walk with Him".

Robert Morgan