

LESSON 7
SUFFERING AND THE NEW BIRTH – PART 1
1 PETER 3:13-22

I. The Blessing of Suffering (3:13-17)

A. The question (3:13)

- Peter asks the rhetorical question concerning who can _____ as a believer.

B. The reality of suffering (3:14)

1. The surety of suffering (3:14a)

- Peter assumes that you will suffer for the _____.

2. The encouragement (3:14b)

a. The blessing

- If you suffer for righteousness, you will be _____.

b. The security

- We are encouraged not to be _____ by their threats.

C. Focus in suffering (3:15-16)

1. Set the Lord apart (3:15a)

- We are to make God the _____.

2. Ready to defend (3:15b)

- We are to always be ready to give a defense for our _____.

3. A clear conscience (3:16a)

- We are to have a _____.

4. A good testimony (3:16b)

- We must have a good testimony to silence our _____.

D. The principle (3:17)

- It better to suffer for doing what is good, rather than as _____.

II. The Example of Jesus Christ (3:18-22)

A. The suffering of Jesus (3:18)

1. The sacrifice

- Jesus Christ _____ for our sins.

2. The nature of His suffering

- Peter describes Jesus as the _____ who dies for the unjust.

3. The purpose of His suffering

- He suffered and died that He might bring us to _____.

4. His death and resurrection

- He physically died and was brought back to life by _____.

B. The exaltation of Jesus Christ (3:19-22)

1. The proclamation of victory (3:19)

- At the resurrection, Jesus proclaimed His victory to _____.

2. Their imprisonment (3:20)

- These fallen angels were imprisoned for _____ at the time of Noah.

3. The symbolism (3:21)

- The salvation of Noah and his family is a parallel to _____.

4. His exaltation (3:22)

- Jesus has been exalted to the place of power above _____.