

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Christ our Standard

1 Peter 2:21-23

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God & Father in heaven, grant to us today, because so many of us are going through so much strife, sorrow, hardship and hostility on this earth, the strength of the Holy Spirit, in order that we might put ourselves so under your rule & reign that we may live in peace and with joyful resolve all our days as we go through the fire and pass through the tumultuous waters of this life and even face death itself with full confidence of your help and without fear. Grant your favor this morning, Father, as we receive the promises of your Word. As we hear your Word preached & Christ set forward, may your Spirit water our parched souls and feed our hungry hearts by your wise & good fatherly hand. May your word equip us & bear us up under any sorrow or suffering that might step into our life this week looking with a sure and living hope to the last victory and the blessed rest promised through the blood our sinless and sufficient Savior Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. Our Calling to Suffer (v. 21)
2. Our Steps to Follow (v. 22-24)
3. Our Return to Christ (v. 25)

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls these elect servants to trust Christ in their suffering.

Central Sermon Aim

As servants of Christ I want SGBC to be subject to Christ in our suffering.