

# ***FIRST PETER***

## ***Sure Hope for Unsure Days***

### ***Blessing in Suffering***

#### ***1 Peter 3:13-17***

#### **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty Father in heaven, holy is your name. O you whose name is the LORD, who alone are the Most High over all the earth. You are good. You have assured us that while the sacrifice and works of the wicked is an abomination to you, the prayers of the saints are acceptable in your presence. For your eyes are on the righteous and your ears are open to our prayers. Blessed by your name!! We confess our fear often grips us when we see how this hostile world rages against your truth. We confess our hearts are too often enticed by the trinkets & charms of this life. We confess our consciences are either ignored or hold us in bondage. Oh how we need Christ our LORD this morning. Cause your Word and your Spirit to deal with us according to your steadfast love and faithfulness. Deliver us, we pray for your name's sake this morning, LORD Jesus, that our souls might turn to you in praise & adoration for you indeed are very good. Amen & Amen.

#### ***OUTLINE***

1. Don't Fear - those who Seek to Harm you (3:13-14)
2. Honor Christ - with those who Ask of you (3:15)
3. Live Truly - before those who Revile you (3:16-17)

#### ***Central Textual Truth***

*Peter calls these elect exiles to do good even with possible harm.*

#### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to do good for Christ's sake even with possible harm.*