

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Victory through Suffering

1 Peter 3:21-22

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are wise, strong and good. Though our lives are often filled with turns and twists we don't expect. And though our best efforts to direct and order our lives seem so unsuccessful. Though our hearts are more likely to groan and murmur in life than to rejoice and give thanks. We turn our prayers to you, O LORD, who is perfect in wisdom, unrivaled in strength, and lavish in your goodness toward us. In You alone must our soul rest this morning & forevermore. Grant us faith this morning as we receive your word preached. And grant us faith for the days ahead that we might receive and rest in your good providence for us. Remind us often of our baptism. Remind us often of your glorious status in heaven that we might be strengthened to live with hope & joy Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Christ's Victory Accomplished through Suffering (v. 18)
2. Christ's Victory Declared in the Descent (vv. 19-20)
3. Christ Victory Revealed by Exaltation (vv. 21-22)
 - A. Baptized with Christ: Our Symbol of Victory (v. 21)
 - B. Raised with Christ: Our Status of Victory (v. 22)

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls his elect exiles to suffer with the hope of Christ's victory assured.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to suffer with the hope of Christ's victory assured.