

# Message Notes

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*Stand Firm: A Study in First Peter*  
Suffering Triumphantly (1 Peter 3:8-22; 4:12-19)  
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- Persevering in \_\_\_\_\_ is the main theme of Peter's letter.  
(1 Peter 1:6; 2:20; 3:13; 4:1; 12; 16; 5:10; 12)
- Peter turns to \_\_\_\_\_ as our example of patient endurance.  
(1 Peter 3:18)
- Outline of today's message:

## I. Christ Suffered:

- A. Jesus suffered to \_\_\_\_\_ others. (Mark 10:45; Heb. 9:15; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- B. In the midst of our suffering, we are called to look to Jesus. (1 Peter 2:21)

## II. Christ Triumphed:

- A. Jesus' final words were: "It is \_\_\_\_\_." (John 19:30)
- B. He \_\_\_\_\_ over his enemies at the cross. (Col. 2:15; 1 Cor. 15:56)
- C. Jesus' ultimate agony, turned out to be his \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. We Will Suffer:

- A. Our suffering can be caused by numerous factors:
  1. It is a test (1 Peter 1:6-7; Judges 3:1; Ps. 26:2, 1 Cor. 3:31)
  2. It is discipline (Prov. 5:12; 15:10; Heb. 12; 1 Peter 4:17)
  3. It is for refining (1 Cor. 3:13)
  4. It is the result of our own bad planning or sinful acts. (Gen. 4:6; Rom. 13:1-5)
  5. It is the will of God to make us more like Christ, for His glory, and the ultimate reason will not be explained here on earth  
(Job 38-42; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 Peter 4:14)
- B. Eventually, the trials that cause us pain here will constitute our glory in heaven. (Rom. 8:17; 1 Peter 4:13; Rev. 6:9-12; 21:6)

## IV. We Will Triumph:

- A. When Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ is revealed, ours will be as well.
- B. Our greatest need in life is to have our sins \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Behind the curtain of this life lays glory for those in Christ.