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SPIRITUAL HOPE Book of 1 Peter

Lesson #4 - GOD'S GRACE AND SUFFERING

1 Peter 3:13-5:14

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Introduction:

When covering a large text it is possible to miss the central point of the writer. It is equally possible to study a single verse or two and miss the context completely. This lesson will attempt to listen well to the writer's intent and make appropriate connections to our own situation. This is especially crucial when dealing with the subject of *suffering*.

- 1. It is possible to suffer because we deserve it. (3:13-17)
- 2. Keep your eye on the prize. (3:18-22)
 - **a.** The problem with verses 19-20.
- 3. Connecting the text. (4:1-11)
 - a. A change of attitude (1-3)
 - b. A change of companions (4-6)
 - c. A change in focus (7-9)
 - d. A change of purpose (10-11)
- 4. Suffering for being a Christian (4:12-19)
 - a. Expect suffering (12-13)
 - b. Find joy (14-19)
- 5. One more thing! (5:1-11)
 - a. A willing heart (1-4)
 - b. A humble heart (5-7)
 - c. An alert heart (8)
 - d. A steadfast heart (9)
 - e. A patient heart (10-11)
- 6. A Postscript of GRACE! (5:12-14)