

## SERMON NOTES

Title: Suffering in the Catbird Seat  
Text: 1 Peter 3:12-4:19  
Subject: Suffering  
Date: 4/22/07

Introduction:

-----1 Peter 3:13-4:22-----

A. Suffering is inevitable

1 Peter 4:12 (NIV), Romans 8:20-21 (NIV)

Body:

I. But if God is going to help us with our suffering, why and how we suffer is important.

A. We may suffer because we have done something wrong.

B. But there is an added virtue available to us when we suffer for doing good.

1 Peter 3:14 (NIV), 1 Peter 3:15a (NIV), 1 Peter 3:15-17 (NIV)

III. Peter holds up Jesus as our ultimate example

A. He points out how God used the suffering and death of Jesus to pay for our sin.

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

B. The point is that if we suffer unjustly with an attitude of submission and love, then this is evidence that we have truly turned away from evil.

1 Peter 4:6 (NIV)

C. The end of all things is near.

1 Peter 4:7-10 (NIV)

IV. Don't be surprised by suffering.

1 Peter 4:13-14 (NIV)

A. The point is that if the world mistreated Jesus, and He lives in us, then we can expect to be mistreated too.

1 Peter 4:16 (NIV)

B. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God;

Conclusion:

So then those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful creator and do good.