

1 Peter 4:1-6

“Hope in Suffering”

Hope: Suffering vs Sin

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“Since therefore Christ suffered ...”

2. Purpose Beyond Sensuality

“time that is past suffices ...”

3. Vindication Beyond Slander

“though judged ...”

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1) Jesus didn't want to suffer - Matthew 26:39

"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

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2) Jesus wanted to obey the Father – Philippians 2:5-9

*"emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

*And being found in human form, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

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3) Jesus entrusted himself to God – Luke 23:46

"Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

And having said this he breathed his last."

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- 3) Jesus entrusted himself to God – Luke 23:46*
- 4) Jesus looked beyond suffering – Hebrews 12:2*

"looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the same, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

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- 1) Peter wouldn't have needed to write this letter*
- 2) Peter says suffering is testing (1:7), different responses*
- 3) Rest of Scripture, continue to fight with sin (Romans 7, Galatians 5)*

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Scripture interprets Scripture – Explained in Next Verse (4:2)

- 1) Earthly life not for gratifying self anymore – “human passions”*
- 2) Earthly life nor for living as God wants – “for the will of God”*

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Had enough already, different desires now*

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Dead will Live – “preached to those who are dead ... live in the spirit ...”

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“The word dead here refers to Christians who once were alive. It might seem that their deaths have invalidated the promises of God to vindicate His servants. Yet God’s promises still hold true. Dead believers are still alive, dwelling with God and waiting for the final judgment. At the judgment, those who did God’s will by putting their faith in Christ will be vindicated before all flesh, but those who did not shall suffer eternal punishment.”

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