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Theme: How To Suffer Patiently

Key Verses: 1:6-7

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

I. SUFFERING TO THE SAVED IS THE BASIS FOR JOY (1:1-25).

1. Joy is rooted in the relationship with Jesus Christ (1:1-2).
2. Joy is not dampened by trials (1:3-12).
3. Joy exists through the consciousness of holiness and redemption (1:13-21).
4. Joy results in love for fellow believers (1:11-25).

II. SUFFERING FOR GOD'S GLORY PRODUCES HOLINESS (2:1-3:22).

1. Holiness is both personal and corporate (2:1-10).
2. Holiness involves abstinence (2:11-12).
3. Holiness involves submission (2:13-20).
4. Holiness is illustrated in Christ (2:21-25).
5. Holiness invades the home (3:1-7).
6. Holiness is summarized (3:9-12).
7. Holiness protects against harm (3:13-22).

III. SUFFERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS PRODUCES FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD (4:1-19).

1. Fellowship with God Is Worth the Suffering from Men (4:1-6, 12-19).
2. Thoughts of Eternal Fellowship with God Encourages Present Fellowship With Man (4:7-11).

IV. SUFFERING ULTIMATELY RESULTS IN GLORY (5:1-11).

1. Corporate Responsibilities Result in Glory (5:1-5).
2. Personal Response Results in Glory (5:6-11).

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Conclusion (5:12-14)

1. Stand Firm in God's Grace (5:12)!
2. Love One Another (5:13-14a)!
3. The Apostle Pronounces Peace upon Them (5:14b).