



“The Crucible of the Christian Faith”

Holiness Amidst Suffering: A Series in 1st Peter

Message #3 – 1 Peter 1:6-9

Big Idea: Having revealed the source and quality of his reader’s salvation in verses 1-5, Peter now explains how trials and temptations relate to that blessed salvation.

- I. The **Reality** of a Tested Faith (1:6).
- II. The **Reason** for a Tested Faith (1:7).
- III. The **Reliance** of a Tested Faith (1:8).
- IV. The **Result** of a Tested Faith (1:9).

My Application Today:

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

- 3) _____

Scripture of the Week:

“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

† **Romans 5:3-5** †

The Purpose of 1st Peter: The purpose of the First Epistle of Peter is to encourage his readers; both then and now, to remain holy by the grace of God, and to rejoice in the face of suffering; especially before unbelievers. This suffering is to be expected because this world is not our home.

Outline of the First Epistle of Peter

I. Salutation (1:1-2).

II. Holiness Amidst Suffering as a Gift of God (1:3-2:10).

III. Holiness Amidst Suffering Before a Watching World (2:11-4:11).

IV. Holiness Amidst Suffering In Light of Eternity (4:12-5:11).

V. Concluding Remarks (5:12-14).