

## **“A Theology of Suffering”**

Holiness Amidst Suffering: An Exposition of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter  
*Message 21: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12-19*

**Central Truth:** A biblical understanding of suffering is crucial for every follower of Christ who wants to stand firm in tough times. In our passage today, Peter gives us four guidelines for standing firm in the face of suffering.

- I. **Expect** to suffer as a Christian (4:12).
- II. **Embrace** your suffering as a Christian (4:13-14).
- III. **Examine** your suffering as a Christian (4:15-18).
  1. Three types of suffering:
    - a. **Common** suffering
    - b. **Carnal** suffering
    - c. **Christian** suffering
- IV. **Entrust** yourself to God while suffering as a Christian (4:19).

### **Scripture of the Week:**

“Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us,  
and the years we have seen evil.”

† *Psalm 90:15* †