

## VICTORY OVER SUFFERING—AS CHRISTIANS (I PETER 4:7-19)

### I. INTRODUCTION.

1. Miscellaneous scriptures re: “suffering”:
  1. Psalm 102:1-5 and Psalm 109:1-3.
2. Examples of those who suffered and endured:
  1. Daniel 2. David 3. Paul 4. Peter
3. Suggested outline for the Book of I Peter:
  1. The Great Salvation – 1:10-12
  2. The Great Example – 2:21,22
  3. The Great Responsibility – 3:15
  4. The Great Name – 4:16
  5. The Great Enemy – 5:8,9
4. Purpose of lesson: to encourage one another to endure in the face of whatever trials and persecution we may be called on to face as we wear the Great Name of Christian.

### II. “VICTORY OVER SUFFERING—AS CHRISTIANS.” (I PETER 4:7-19)

1. Victory as seen in Christ who suffered and yet ever lives. (I Peter 3:18,22)
2. Victory as seen in the urgent call to the Christian. (4:7-11)
  1. An urgent call to “holiness”. (7)
  2. An urgent call to “brotherly love”. (8-9)
  3. An urgent call to definite service: (10-11)
    - as a “good steward”-- See I Corinth. 4:1-2.
    - For what purpose? (11)
3. Christian attitude toward suffering. (12-19)
  - Helped by being “hurt”?
  - An encouragement – (12a) and I Peter 1:6-7.
  - An experience – (12a)
  - An expectation – (13)
  - An explanation – (14-18)
    - Glorify Christ in our suffering for Him. (14)
    - Don't suffer as consequence of our own crimes. (15)
    - Be Christ-like in our sufferings. (16)
    - Temporary hardship to be replaced by eternal glory for the Christian. (17-18)

### III. CONCLUSION.