

**Turning Points: The Glory of our Suffering**  
**1 Peter 3:8-22**

**How do followers of Jesus Christ demonstrate the victory of Christ over suffering and the forces of evil?**

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- I. Their love for other believers: irresistible discipleship 1 Peter 3:8-13**
  - a. people of blessing (unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, tender heart, humble mind) vs. 8-9.**
  - b. in a world of cursing (Psalm 34) vs. 10-13.**
  
- II. Their testimony to unbelievers: irrefutable witness 1 Peter 3:14-17**
  - a. Sanctifying Christ the Lord: humble defense vs. 14-15.**
  - b. Good conscience vs. 16-17.**
  
- III. Their identification with Christ: Indisputable victory 1 Peter 3:18-22**
  - a. Proclaiming God's judgment vs. 18-22.**
  - b. Proclaiming salvation vs. 21-22.**

**The suffering of the cross is the temporary necessity**  
**Believers must embrace to overcome evil for all eternity**

- 1. How do you demonstrate your love for God's family in the midst of suffering, challenges or discomfort? Does your reaction match God's commands in 1 Peter 3:8-13?**
- 2. How are you preparing to tell others about Jesus Christ in a winsome and loving way? In a brash and abrasive world, our witness is the ointment that God uses to bless others with his grace.**
- 3. Have you fully identified with Christ's victory through baptism? The spiritual forces that oppose God's work in your life are placed on notice when you publicly declare your loyalty for Christ.**