

Suffering For Good

1st Peter

Peter --- Peter --- Peter

Everyone knows about Peter - name in lights!

1. What do you know about Peter?

Funny, we hear a lot about Peter, and rightfully so. Jesus said, and on you, Peter/Petra/Rock, I will build my church.

Matthew 16:13-20

Boy, what a thing to live up to. Let's see how he does.

Matthew 16:21-27

Immediately we see a pattern of denial and suffering perhaps.

Okay, short history tonight, for a long study.

Peter was first mentioned at Jesus' baptism. Wow - early bird!

John 1:29-43

And he gets a new name --- pretty good. And it was reaffirmed at the end.

Peter was married, was from Bethsaida, but lived in Capernaum. So, what would a guy like Peter write about?

1st Peter 1:1-21

Wow - that is pretty powerful to me.

Quite often we hear, "I am who the bible says I am."

1st Peter 1:22 - 2:12

2. Who does the bible say you are?

It's a wonderful reminder, and we need these reminders.

Peter though, talks about suffering a lot. I think, of all people, Peter knew how to suffer.

1st Peter 2:18-25

3. What does this say about suffering?

Oh, he's got more.

1st Peter 3:13-17

4. Honestly, what is your mental attitude about the things you suffer from today?

5. What steals your peace?

1st Peter 4:12-19

Suffer according to the will of God - wow!

1st Peter 5:5-13

God's answer is ----- humble yourself.... and the devil will flee.... exalt you in due time....

Let's pray that we would **KNOW** who we are.