

The Triumph of Unjust Suffering

I Peter 3:8-22

How are Christians to respond to unjust suffering?

John 15: 20 A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

II Timothy 3: 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted

1. **The Christian's** _____ (v.8)

2. **The Christian's** _____ (v.9-12)

Matthew 5: 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

3. **The Christian's** _____ (v.13-16)

Matthew 5: 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

4. The Christian's _____ (v.18-22)

A. Remember Christ's victorious suffering (v.18a)

B. Remember Noah and how the spirit of Christ spoke through him to a generation that wouldn't listen (V.18b-20)

C. Remember your baptism, which is the testimony that you are in Christ (V.21)

D. Remember that Christ reigns victorious over EVERYTHING! (V.22)