

**Date: October 27, 2019**

**Sermon Title: Suffering for Righteousness Sake**

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**Scripture text(s): 1 Peter 3:9-17**

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- 1) Read 1 Peter 3:9-17. "It's always better to suffer for doing good." Discuss this statement and how it affects your life and the lives of others.
- 2) Read verses 9-12 with Matthew 5:44. What should be our response as believers?
- 3) What difficulty do you have carrying out this response?
- 4) Do you have enough confidence in the sovereignty of God and your identity in Christ to forego defending your reputation?
- 5) Read 1 Peter 3:10-11. What are the attributes of the children of God? How are these contrary to the world?
- 6) In what ways does retaliation distort the picture of Christ?
- 7) From verse 12, how can we endure the suffering?
- 8) Read verses 14b-15. Dan said that our tendency is to fear. According to these verses, what is the remedy?
- 9) Dan said that what we put our hope in will dictate our behavior. Where is your hope? How have you seen your behavior change (better or worse) depending on what you are hoping in?
- 10) Discuss the 3 implications Dan gave: (1) Are you prepared? Give a reason for the hope that's in you. (2) Do you have hope? (3) Have you isolated yourself?
- 11) Ultimately, what is the purpose of suffering?