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Series in 1 Pt- Being Equipped to Live in a Fallen/Pagan World

Today – The believer’s Relationship to Suffering – the 3rd point of 1 Peter
Socially Acceptable Living may cause Pain

Title – Living for Jesus might get us into trouble with people...
live for Him, anyway. 1 Pt.3:13-18

• Yes, we’ve got to face the issue of suffering

• Suffering is really only skin-deep – v13

Peter starts w/a rhetorical Question – who is going to *harm* you if you do good?

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul.
Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Mt.10:28

“Whatever disasters like this strike the man of faith, they cannot touch the integrity of his personality or the injure him in the ultimate sense.”

Highlighting Truths

1. A little Zealousy will never hurt anyone

Are you still zealous to do good? Even if it gets you on the hot seat?

Zealous for God is a description of a growing, maturing, developing believer.
So, if G allows you to suffer like this, you are FAVORED, blessed, not *forsaken*.

2. A little Sanctity goes a long way. Vs 15

- a. How’s your ‘throne room’ experience been? And not talking bathroom.
- b. Who are you investing in spiritually?
- c. How is your personal holiness?

Get a little pagan!
...translates to us as, our lives are only used for His use.

3. A little Preparation is absolutely necessary

So...far from being fearful, we are actually to be prepared to share.

How do I do this? Live in such a way that people ask! What a concept!
What qualities in our lives speak to outsiders that world could cause them to ask?

4. A lot of Hope is what we have to offer.

This is what we are to be ready to talk about... Not theology, church doctrine,
programs, but the hope we have been given.

Let me ask: what is in your life right now that is messing with your hope?

Hope: *seen* on our faces, *heard* in our words, *felt* by our lives.



LifeGroup - Study Questions

Below are the questions for LifeGroups.
The Sermon Outline and Questions are provided for you also
on our CLF Webpage: www.antiochclf.com

**Each LifeGroup member is asked to answer the questions
prior to their meeting & bring this sheet with you to your group.**

1. What is your idea of summer fun?_____

2. “Suffering” for believers is to suffer at the hands of people because they see/hear us
living Christianly. Have you seen that in your life or someone’s else life? Explain

4. Read Romans 8:31-39: What kind of things might a “Christian” have to endure
even though they are living for God?

5. “Whatever disasters strike the man of faith, they cannot touch the integrity of his
personality or the injure him in the ultimate sense.” What does this mean?

6. Why should we fear God more than what Man can do or say to us?

7. How can God say that if we suffer for Him, we are “favored”? In what ways?

8. Pastor said we should “Get a little pagan!” How do set ourselves apart for God?
How do we “live in such a way that people ask”?

9. **Hope** is what “drives” a Christian...What is in your life right now that is messing
with your hope?
