Worship with us in the Word

A Unique View of Suffering

1 Peter – When Things Get Tough

1 Peter 3:18-22

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Reality: In every tough situation, you always make a choice.

Consider the Suffering of Christ – Key concepts

3:17 "doing good... God's will"

3:18 - "once"

3:18 - "for sins"

3:18 - "righteous for the unrighteous"

3:18 - "bring us to God"

But what about the spirits in prison, the proclamation, God's patience, Noah, 'safely through water,' 'now saves you,' baptism, and this appeal-to-God-for-a-good-conscience thing?

Involvement in the Suffering of Christ – I should expect to suffer...

- Because I am part of a fallen world.
- If I make sinful choices. Suffering is to be expected for spiritual stupidity and stubbornness.
- If I take a stand against what God has determined is evil.
- Because of the world's hostility to Christ.
- Because God displays to others that my faith is genuine.