

# *Righteous Suffering*

1 Peter 3:13-22

Peter is writing to a church in the middle of suffering persecution for their faith. The persecution is a current reality to them. Peter points them to the ultimate reality found in their hope and faith in the Lord Jesus. It is the nature of that reality and the concept of submission, which Peter uses to help the believers deal with their current situation.

Chapters 1-2 Peter writes about how to live in the community of faith in such times.

Beginning at 2:13 Peter writes about Living in the World as a believer. The key word is “*Submission*.” Submission to Government: [2:13-17]; Submission in work [2:18-25]; Submission in Marriage [3:1-7]; Submission in all of life [3:8-12].

## A Word of Perspective (13)

### Living Under This Kind of Suffering (14-16)

- The Blessing for Suffering for Righteousness (14)
- Encouragement in Suffering for Righteousness (14a)
- Priority When Facing This Suffering (14b)
- The Will of God (14a)

### Christ Shows Us (18-22)

- Christ is the Example (18-20)
- Christ is the Pattern (21-22)