

Message Notes

Don't be surprised at the fiery ordeal

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Expectations Management"

What I actually expect beneath the surface

Today's Message:

"Why are you surprised at the fiery ordeal you are facing?"

1 Peter 4:12-19

Three HUGE Questions:

Why am I surprised?

What would lead me to "rejoicing" in participating in suffering?

How can suffering lead me to "continue to do good"?

Question 1 - Why am I surprised?

1 Peter 4:12

John 16:33

CREATION/FALL/REDEMPTION/RESTORATION

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 3:17b-19

Galatians 3:13-14

Revelation 22:2b-3a

Question 2 - What would lead me to "rejoicing" in participating in suffering?

1 Peter 4:13-16

Acts 4:18-31

Acts 5:41-42

Question 3 - How can suffering lead me to "continue to do good"?

1 Peter 4:17-19

Appearing before God

Jesus as my example - 1 Peter 2:21:23

Overcoming suffering by doing good

The end of the matter: Disappointment with God is better than the alternative

Gospel Application - "What do you do with your disappointment with God? Does it lead you "to" or "away" from Him?"

John 16:33

³³I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Genesis 1:27 / Genesis 3:17b-19

Galatians 3:13-14 / Revelation 22:2b-3a

Acts 4:23-31

²³On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

" 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.' [Psalm 2:1-2]

²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 5:41-42

⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴²Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

1 Peter 2:21:23

²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. ²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.