STANDING AND SUFFERING FOR CHRIST Understanding Our Christian Identity – Part 8 Wednesday Night Bible Study 1 Peter 4:1-19 (NIV) CrossWord Christian Church L. Kirk Sykes – Founder and Lead Pastor December 2, 2020

"However, if you suffer because <u>you are a Christian</u>, don't be ashamed of it, but <u>thank God</u> that you bear Christ's name." 1 Peter 4:16 (TEV)

"Therefore, since Christ <u>suffered in his body</u>, arm yourselves also with the <u>same attitude</u>, because he who has suffered in his body <u>is done with sin</u>." 1 Peter 4:1 (NIV)

"As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for <u>evil human desires</u>, <u>but rather for the</u> <u>will of God</u>." 1 Peter 4:2 (NIV)

"For you have spent <u>enough time in the past</u> doing what <u>pagans</u> choose to do--living in <u>debauchery</u>, lust, <u>drunkenness</u>, orgies, <u>carousing</u> and <u>detestable idolatry</u>." 1 Peter 4:3 (NIV)

"They think it strange that you do not <u>plunge with them</u> into the same flood of dissipation, and they <u>heap abuse on you</u>." 1 Peter 4:4 (NIV)

"But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge <u>the living and the dead.</u>" 1 Peter 4:5 (NIV)

"<u>For this is the reason the gospel was preached</u> even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live <u>according to God</u> in regard to the spirit." 1 Peter 4:6 (NIV)

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and <u>self-controlled</u> so that you can pray." 1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)

"Above all, <u>love each other</u> deeply, <u>because love covers over a multitude of sins."</u> 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received <u>to serve others</u>, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

"If anyone speaks, he should do it as one <u>speaking the very words of God</u>. If anyone serves, he should do it with the <u>strength God provides</u>, so that in all things <u>God may be praised</u> through <u>Jesus Christ</u>. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)

"Dear friends, <u>do not be surprised</u> at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you." 1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

"But rejoice that you participate in the <u>sufferings of Christ</u>, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." 1 Peter 4:13 (NIV)

"If you are <u>insulted</u> because of the name of Christ, <u>you are blessed</u>, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you." 1 Peter 4:14 (NIV)

"If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief <u>or any other kind of criminal</u>, or even as a <i>meddler." 1 Peter 4:15 (NIV)

"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name." 1 Peter 4:16 (NIV)

"For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who <u>do not obey the gospel of God</u>?" 1 Peter 4:1-17 (NIV)

"And, "If it is hard for the <u>righteous to be saved</u>, what will become of the <u>ungodly and the</u> <u>sinner</u>?" 1 Peter 4:1-18 (NIV)

"So then, those who suffer <u>according to God's will</u> should commit themselves to their <u>faithful</u> <u>Creator</u> and <u>continue to do good</u>." 1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)