

Sermon Notes

To Suffer as a Christian
1 Peter 4:12-16

1. Every Christian must know they are loved by God. (12a)

2. Every Christian must expect to be tested by God. (12b)

3. Every Christian must rejoice in their union with Christ. (13)

4. Every Christian must trust the blessing of the Spirit. (14)

5. Every Christian must flee the suffering of sin. (15)

6. Every Christian must unashamedly glorify God. (16)

Prayer Opportunities

IN HOSPITAL: None

RECUPERATING: Pam Ruble, Erle Thompson

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: ENGAGE 2025

Our denomination’s mission arm, World Outreach, has established a goal of sending, by 2025, ten teams to totally unengaged Muslim peoples who presently have zero churches. These teams will be recruited and sent by networks of churches within EPC presbyteries under the oversight of World Outreach. Pray for our commissioned Engage 2025 missionaries from our Presbytery (Asaf and Lyn in the Middle East), that God would continue to aid in their language and cultural acquisition and open new doors of relationship-building and networking.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men’s, women’s, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Join one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, August 4
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship with the Lord’s Supper
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am College Hour
11:00 am Worship with the Lord’s Supper

Monday, August 5
10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)

Tuesday, August 6
6:30 am Dawn Patrol
4:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, August 7
5:00 pm Building and Grounds Meeting
6:30 pm Prayer Service (Chapel)

Thursday, August 8
5:00 pm Men’s Cornhole Tournament
6:30 pm Youth Ultimate Frisbee
7:00 pm Women’s Oasis Summer Bible Study

Saturday, August 10
12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic
3:00 pm Club 56 Pool Party (Weaver Home)

Sunday, August 11
8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am College Hour
11:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God’s compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

August 4, 2019

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to Your blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ and cast low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars among the nations, and let Your Spirit rule in the hearts of all people in righteousness and love. Grant power to the preaching of Your Word, build up Your church throughout all the earth, and may Your kingdom advance and increase, as people of every nation turn away from dead idols to worship You, the true and living God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Almighty God"

Vicky Pogue, soloist

Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh

Who filled the sky with radiant stars to glorify the night?
Who knows the path that leads up to the dwelling place of light?
Creator, Master, Holiness, Sustainer of my soul.
He reigns in golden splendor: Almighty God, Almighty God.
Who used His words to lay out the foundations of the earth?
Who sent His Son so man, born dead, could have a second birth?
Jehovah, Father, mighty King, Sustainer of my soul.
He reigns in golden splendor: Almighty God, Almighty God.
He's excellent in power, all creation speaks His majesty.
Jehovah, Father, mighty King, Sustainer of my soul.
He reigns in golden splendor, His heavens filled with wonder,
He purchased my forever: Almighty God, Almighty God.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-5 (responsively)

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #647

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

ST. PETER

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"There Is a Redeemer" (vs. 2)

Melody Green

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)*

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:12-16 (page 1016)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"To Suffer as a Christian"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs. 3)

EBENEZER

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Erin Guidi-Louviere, Amy Hall, Beth Ulrich

"Amazing Grace, Amazing Love"

David Winkler

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Amazing love, how can it be, that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

I'll sing throughout eternity. Amazing grace, amazing love.

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree.

Amazing grace shall ever be my song of praise, my highest call.

Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my all.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #650

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

MY REDEEMER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"Psalm 117"

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

**From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung, In every land, by ev'ry tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His Word!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Chaconne"

Louis Couperin

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Prayer Ushers

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.