

# “Keep Running the Gospel Race”

## 1 Peter 3:18 – 4:6

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### **Book Outline:**

Salutation (1:1-2)

#### I. Suffering Christians Should Remember Their Great Salvation (1:3-2:10)

- A. Certainty of Salvation (1:3-12)
- B. Consequences of Salvation (1:13-2:10)
  - 1. Priority of Holiness (1:13-23)
  - 2. Power of the Word (1:24-2:3)
  - 3. Priesthood of Believers (2:4-10,12)

#### II. Suffering Christians Should Remember Their Example Before Men (2:11-4:6)

- A. Living Honorably Before Unbelievers (2:11-3:7)
- B. Living Honorably Before Believers (3:8-17)
- C. Living Honorably Before Persecution (3:18-4:6) – Today’s Text

#### III. Suffering Christians Should Remember Their Lord’s Promised Return (4:7-5:11)

- A. Responsibilities of Christian Living (4:7-11)
- B. Reality of Christian Suffering (4:12-19)
- C. Requirements for Christian Leadership (5:1-4)
- D. Realization of Christian Victory (5:5-11)

Conclusion (5:12-14)

### **I. Theme:** What is the overall theme verse for Peter’s Letter?

“Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.” (4:19)

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**II. Future Focus:** Post Salvation Glorification Focus. The believer’s salvation and future glorification should be foundational motivation while serving our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:18–22)

- A. The Example of Christ (3:18-22)

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- B. The Example of Noah (3:18-22)

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**III. Former Focus:** Pre-Salvation Sin Focus. Since our Savior suffered and died because of sin, believers should refrain from sin as we suffer for God while doing His will. (4:1-6)

A. The Example of Christ (4:1-2)

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B. The Example of Your Pagan Life (4:3-6)

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**IV. Immediate Implications:**

**1) Believers are always surrounded by hostile unbelievers. (3:13-14; 4:4, 12-13)**

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**2) Believers are to be good witnesses to those in their spheres of influence always willing to suffer with the purpose of bringing others to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ—despite any opposition encountered. (3:14, 16-17)**

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**3) Believers are commanded by God to live soberly while living in a hostile environment. There are two ways of life. One is determined by the will of God. The other is marked out by what pagans exemplify in cesspool debauchery. “So as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.” (3:13-14; 16-17; 4:2)**

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**4) Unbelievers are warned by God that His second judgment is coming soon. Even now, God is patiently waiting for unbelievers to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ before the cosmos is destroyed by fire. (4:5,7; 2 Peter 3:9-10; Revelation 21:)**

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