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Union Baptist Church, Wilmington
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Series:

Sermon: Living in the Blessing - "Living in Your Giftedness

1 Peter 4:10-19 - (KJV) 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

In these verses, we see:

1. The Purpose of Suffering
 2. The Privilege of Suffering
 3. The patience required when suffering
- In order to make mothers happy:

There was a higher level of agitation added to your life once you made a decision to follow Christ.

1. It's the principle of the Triumph - v. 1-4

Suffering causes sin to lose its power. God has not designed you to be a loser. Sometimes, it can look like you are losing. Our advancement is because of His suffering. He paid the penalty so that we can get the progress. He voluntarily paid our sin debt. Acknowledging His suffering allows us to appreciate what He has done. You are to arm your mind likewise. There is suffering that comes with this calling. See what your past activities cost heaven. Some are locking ourselves from future blessings. We all have the battle of the lust of men vs. the will of God. We now side on the Will of God because we have acknowledged Christ's suffering. The agenda has been altered so your eyes have been opened. Aptitude has been armed. Altered Agenda Realized.

V. 4 - The Suffering comes from your change. Rather than being talked about, some will act the way we used to act to get some folks to stop talking about you.

1. The Principle of the Test- v. 7-9

Staying true to the task while going through the test. Since the talk is about your walk, the test is whether your change is permanent.

The more they hate on you, the more you are to love. Their stuff don't make you weaker, it makes you stronger. The reason He gave you that gift. Your loving on folks is greater than others hate. The task is to increase Love.

Don't dismiss your gift because you want to say what is on your mind. The problem is that we have spiritually gifted people using carnal ways. V. 10 Be Generous and pass around what God has given you. You are not serving for their pleasure but God's pleasure.

- A. Take It - Don't let the talk disqualify the gift. It is easy to take it if you can understand it. It is a gift. We try to fix logic with something that is illogical. V.10
- B. Trust It - Develop Trust because of it. You'll start trying to handle your suffering. V. 11
- C. Remember there will be a trial. We must stand before the person that gave the gift and give an account for how we used the gift. V. 17 & 18

V. 19 Continue

Commit - to the Will of God

Don't let them short- change your change in Him.

Don't let their talk mess up your walk.

The more they hate on you, the more you ought to love on them.