

June 05, 2011 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sermon Outline

Are You Suffering? (1Peter4:12-19; 5:6-11)

Introduction: The days of St. Peter

I. WE SUFFER BECAUSE:

- A. We live in a sinful world
- B. We carry the name of Jesus

II. JESUS SUFFERED FOR OUR SALVATION

- A. Jesus suffered without sin
- B. The purpose of Jesus' suffering & death to redeem us
(1Peter 1:18-21)

III. THERE IS NO SURPRISE IN THE WAY THE WORLD TREATS US

- A. We should expect trials and suffering in our life
- B. Like a lion, the devil is ready to devour us
- C. Humble yourself before the Lord (1Peter 5:6)

IV. WE DO NOT FACE INSULTS AND PERSECUTION ALONE, GOD EMPOWERS AND BLESSES US

- A. To share in Christ's suffering is to receive forgiveness
- B. Suffering for the sake of the Gospel is an honour for Christians
(v.13)
- C. Jesus reminds us: "I have overcome the world." (John16:33)

Conclusion: C. S. Lewis' answer