

December 19 Questions

- 1) Peter's first letter to the believers in Asia Minor (modern day _____). Peter was aware of the _____ these Christians had experienced, and he knew that more suffering was on the way (cf. 1 Pet 4:12–19). This prompted him to write a letter of encouragement and exhortation. Peter's comments have much to teach us about suffering. First, suffering is part of God's _____ for our lives. It isn't pleasant, but it is _____. Second, suffering _____ the genuineness of our faith. This means that suffering is intended to _____ and perfect our faith. As we endure by God's grace, the fire of suffering gives our faith a _____ that will result in the praise and approval of Christ. Third, suffering is evidence of our _____ with Christ. This means that suffering _____ that we are in Christ, for the Spirit rests on those who _____ in Christ's sufferings. Fourth, suffering is a reason to _____. Suffering is a _____ to us that we will be saved when Christ's glory is revealed. This is grounds for joy and gladness, for those who suffer with the Son, will also _____ and reign with Him (2 Tim 2:12).