

“Suffering, yet Blessed”

Text: I Peter 3:13-16

Scripture reading: II Thessalonians 1

I. Responding to right – vv. 13-14

A) Passion for practice – vs. 13

B) Battered but blessed – vs. 14a (Matt. 5:10-12; I Pet. 5:10)

C) Confident in conflict – vs. 14b (Heb. 13:5)

II. Responding to reviling – vv. 15-16

A) Sanctifying hearts – vs. 15a

B) Defending hope – vs. 15b

C) Shaming conscience – vs. 16

“To suffer as a Christian is to suffer for Christ; for the name of Christ, for the truths of Christ, for the ways of Christ, for the worship of Christ.”

-John Owen; English Puritan and theologian; 1616-1683