

Convent Avenue Baptist Church
Bible Study 1/20/10 – 1:30 p.m.
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Unity in Suffering
“If One Part Suffers, Every Part Suffers with It”
1Cor. 12:26 Niv.

Introduction:

God wants His children to be united in **belief** (Doctrine), in **worship**, in **love** and **fellowship**. Fellowship (having things in common) means that we share ourselves and our experiences with one another. We don't just share the good and happy times, but we share the sad and hard experiences of suffering as well. Let's start off saying that everybody suffers! Pastor Williams will teach about The Fall, which brought suffering into the world. We will begin to talk about Christian suffering and why the Church needs Unity in our common experience of suffering.

- I. Suffering Unites Us. (1Cor.12:26, Heb. 13:1-3)
 - A. The **Holy Spirit** connects us.
 - B. **Love** means putting yourself in someone else's shoes.

- II. Suffering Gives us Encouraging Examples to Follow. (Phil.1:22-24, Heb. 6:12)
 - A. It is **Necessary** for us to **Remain** for others.
 - B. Others are **Following** our example.

- III. Suffering Teaches us. (Job 42:2, 1Cor.1:8-11)
 - A. Suffering teaches us about **God**.
 - B. Suffering teaches us about **Ourselves**.
 - C. Suffering teaches us about **Other People**.
 - D. Suffering teaches us about **Priorities**.

- IV. Suffering Develops us. (Rm. 5:3-5, 1 Pt. 1:6-7)
 - A. Perseverance
 - B. Character
 - C. Hope

- V. Suffering Demonstrates to the Devil how Good God Is. (Eph. 3:10-11)
 - A. God's **Grace** allows us to approach God.
 - B. Our **Suffering** helps someone else.

Application:

Write down three Prayer request.

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