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The title 'BETWEEN TWO WORLDS' is rendered in a white, hand-drawn, distressed font. The word 'BETWEEN' is on the top line, 'TWO' is smaller and positioned between 'BETWEEN' and 'WORLDS', and 'WORLDS' is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by numerous white lines of varying lengths radiating outwards, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. The background is a dark blue with a fine, vertical wood-grain texture.

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A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

If you find yourself with a desire that no experience in this world can satisfy, then the most probable explanation is that you were made for another world.



~ C. S. Lewis

Peter exhorts Christians to engage the world as foreigners and resident aliens, having a healthy respect for the society and culture in which they live while at the same time maintaining an appropriate separation from it.



Jobes, K. H. (2005). [1 Peter](#) (p. 3).  
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**Last Week's Sermon**  
*Reborn to Hope*

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This means that the chosen are given new birth into two things – hope and an inheritance – but they are also guarded by faith until salvation is fully realized at some future time. This thought answers nicely to the threatening situation being addressed by the letter.



Jobs, Karen H. 1 Peter. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005. 85.

**This Week's Sermon**  
*Rejoicing and Hoping in Suffering*



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With verse 6 Peter shifts the focus from the certainties of future eschatological glory to the more dismal realities of the present. However, the future eschatological perspective is important, for it is meant to determine how Christians are to face life in their present situations.

*The joy doesn't come from the suffering, but  
from knowing that deliverance is coming*

**What do we know about this suffering**

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The idea is that the sufferings believers experience are not the result of fate or impersonal forces of nature. They are the will of God for believers

~ Schreiner, T. R. (2003). (Vol. 37, p. 67). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

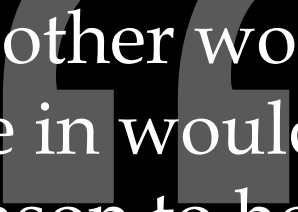
# 1 Peter 4:19

<sup>19</sup> So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

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In other words, the trying circumstances Peter's readers are in would not, humanly speaking, give them any reason to hope in the glorious future that is theirs in Christ.

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**Peter is not minimizing the suffering**

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**The fact that we will be tried and refined  
shows us that the trial is neither a  
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**Walk by Faith, not by Sight**

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We should also notice that such salvation is “the outcome of your faith.” The word “outcome” (*telos*) has the idea of result here. Achtemeier wrongly says that faith means “faithfulness” rather than “belief.” We have already observed several times that such a judgment is mistaken, and the word “faith” here is closely linked to the participle “believing” (translated “believe” by the NIV) in v. 8. Faith and faithfulness were ultimately inseparable for Peter, but the latter is rooted in the former. We should sum up the main idea in the verse as we conclude. The love and joy of believers is rooted in the hope of eschatological salvation. They know, therefore, that despite present sufferings they will see Jesus Christ when he is revealed and enjoy him forever.

Schreiner, T. R. (2003). [\*1, 2 Peter, Jude\*](#) (Vol. 37, p. 71). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.



**Is this a Biblical Pattern?**

## Genesis 15:1-18

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. <sup>14</sup> But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Because there is no way for the inheritance of the land, and children that number the stars of the heaven and sand in the sea, except for slavery in Egypt first. One is directly dependent on the other. Redemption from slavery is the prerequisite for inheriting the lands.



~Amy Bernstein, *Podcast Lech Lecha II* 2017.

# Exodus 12:12-14

<sup>12</sup> “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD — a lasting ordinance.

This makes us aware of the slavery around us – that makes us liberators... you were slaves, you are no different from them. You didn't earn anything as your status as redeemed. You didn't earn anything about redemption...and apparently we need to be reminded of this all the time, and we eat it every year. We have to viscerally remember, because we tend to forget.



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# 1 Peter 1:1-2

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*Can we encourage those around us with hope?*