

Evening Service, 5 June 2011, Dave Gobbett

**Series: Far from home - from suffering to glory with Jesus**

## **(12) From suffering to glory in the world**

1 Peter 4:12-19

### **1. What is 'Christian suffering'?**

*Facing hardship because of loyalty to Jesus*

- Often painful: 'Fiery trial' (v12)
- Often verbal: 'Insult for the name of Christ' (v14)

### **2. Why do Christians suffer?**

- God's purification not punishment (vv12, 17-18)
- God's presence not absence (v13-14)

### **3. How should Christians respond to suffering?**

- Don't be surprised, but rejoice (v12-13)
- Don't be to blame (v15)
- Don't be ashamed, but praise God (v16)

**→ Give yourself to God & keep doing good (v19)**