

**SUNDAY P.M.                      MARCH 04, 2018**

**SERMON:** *If God is Gracious, Merciful & Loving, why does He allow suffering, pain & heartache?*

**TEXT:** 1 Peter 4:1-19

**Intro:** Peter wrote to those that had been forced from their home (1 Pet. 1:1). Suffering was real and painful – how did they cope?

1. **CONTEXT**: where does chapter 4 fit into the overall message of Peter?
2. **MESSAGE**: what did chapter 4 communicate to the original readers?
3. **INTERPRETATION**: how does chapter 4 give guidance to the Church existing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
4. **APPLICATION**: how does chapter 4 apply to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity?

**Conclusion:** Igor Kozlovsky, “I once again felt reborn!”

**- Mark N. Posey**