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SCARCELY SAVED?

I Peter 4:17-18

INTRO:

- A. Peter describes the suffering Christians must endure.
- B. Then he contrasts the obedient and the disobedient.

I. SUFFERING

- A. Don't be surprised. I Peter 4:12
- B. Instead rejoice. I Peter 4:13-14; Matthew 5:11-12
- C. Don't be ashamed. I Peter 4:15-16
- D. Commit yourself to God. I Peter 4:19

II. SCARCELY SAVED?

- A. Judgment begins. I Peter 4:17
- B. Saved with difficulty. I Peter 4:18
 - 1. With labor, pain, trouble
- C. Not too hard for God. Matthew 19:23-26
 - 1. By His mercy. Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-10
- D. Only In Jesus. I John 5:11-13
 - 1. The only way to God. John 14:6; Acts 4:12

III. THE LONGSUFFERING OF GOD

- A. Waiting during Noah's days. I Peter 3:18-21
- B. Waiting now. 2 Peter 3:3-9
- C. He won't wait forever. 2 Peter 3:10-13
- D. What about the ungodly? I Peter 4:18
 - 1. Everlasting destruction. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

CONCLUSION:

- A. It is with difficulty that the righteous are saved; not because of our own works, but by the mercy and love of God.
- B. That being so, where will the ungodly and sinners appear in the judgment?
- C. Have you turned to the only one who can save you?
- D. Please think about the consequences before it's too late.