**The Epistle of 1st PETER**

Chapter 4

Living God’s Way

1. Living for the Will of God, though We Suffer (1-2)
2. The Time for Change is Now (3-7)
3. Do Everything to God’s Glory (8-11)
4. A Reminder about Suffering for Christ (12-19)

*Summary: Peter begins here with a word about how the church should adopt the same lifestyle and commitment as that of Jesus; we will suffer and should expect it. He emphasizes the importance of leaving old behaviors behind that are not godly. A popular saying of the church can be found in this chapter, that love covers a multitude of sins (V.8). There is a short benediction, and then the letter closes with a return to the message of suffering faithfully.*

**Study Questions**

1. We find the words from verse 5 in what liturgy of the AME Church?
2. The benediction in the middle of the letter probably indicates what (in the literary sense)?
3. Peter states that we should love each other deeply and that this love covers a multitude of sins. What does this actually mean, especially for the contemporary church?

**Notes**