



June 25th, 2023 • 1 Peter 4:12-19
Standing Firm in the Grace of God • The Book of 1 Peter
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Suffering & Rejoicing as a Christian

1. Rejoice during fiery trials – instead of being surprised by them

2. We are blessed – when we’re insulted for the name of Christ

3. If you suffer as a Christian, glorify God – & do not be ashamed

4. It is time for God’s judgment to begin – at the household of God

5. The righteous are scarcely saved –
so what becomes of the ungodly & the sinner?

6. When suffering according to God’s will, entrust our souls to a faithful Creator – while doing good

Some Key Words in 1 Peter 4:12-19

Peter uses multiple words in this short passage that he also uses or emphasizes in many other places in this letter. Listed below are some of the Scripture references that show other places in 1 Peter where the same key word [or theme] is addressed. These words are highlighted in yellow, the Scripture references are listed in [brackets], and the Scripture quotation is taken from the ESV.

1 Peter 4:12-19 ¹² Beloved [2:11], do not be surprised [4:4] at the fiery [1:7] trial when it comes upon you to test [1:6] you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice [1:6,8] insofar as you share Christ's sufferings [1:11; 5:1,9], that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory [1:7,11,21,24; 4:11,14; 5:1,4,10] is revealed [1:7,13]. ¹⁴ If you are insulted [2:12,23; 3:16] for the name of Christ [20x], you are blessed [3:14], because the Spirit [1:2,12] of glory [see v13] and of God [34x] rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer [2:19-23; 3:14,17; 4:1;15,19; 5:10] as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer [2:12,14] or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers [see v15] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify [1:8; 2:12; 4:11] God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time [1:5,11; 5:6] for judgment [4:5-6] to begin at the household [2:5] of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome [1:9] for those who do not obey [2:8; 3:1,20] the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And “If the righteous [3:12,18] is scarcely saved [3:21], what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer [v15] according to God's will [2:15; 4:2] entrust [2:23] their souls [1:9,22; 2:11,25; 3:20] to a faithful Creator while doing good [2:14-20; 3:6-17,21].