

1 Peter

“Live For the Glory of Christ”

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1 Peter 4:12-19

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I. Responding to Suffering (vs. 12-13)

- A. It shouldn't be a surprise (John 16:33; 14:27; 15:18-21)
- B. It shouldn't be strange
- C. It should point you to Christ (Revelation 21:4)

II. Reasons for Suffering (vs. 14-16)

- A. See it as a privilege
- B. See it with purpose
- C. See it with the Presence of God (Acts 5:41)

III. Recognizing God's Hand in Suffering (vs. 17-18)

- A. Judgement begins with us (Jeremiah 25:29; Amos 3:2; 1 Timothy 3:15)
- B. Judgement summarized in a Proverb (Proverbs 11:31)

IV. Remember the Faithfulness of God (vs. 19)

- A. God's Will
- B. God's Faithfulness
- C. Our Response

Application:

- How does the example of Christ help you when you suffer?
- Is your life different now than it was before you met Christ? How?
- How is suffering for murder or meddling different from suffering for Christ?
- What is God saying to you as a result of this passage?