

**HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND WHEN WE SUFFER FOR JESUS?
THE BLESSED PROVING OF OUR FAITH
1 Peter 4:12-19**

- I. **KEEP REJOICING RATHER THAN BEING SURPRISED WHEN YOU SUFFER FOR CHRIST** so that you will have exceeding joy when Jesus comes (12-13)
 - A. **Do not be surprised...**
 1. knowing we will suffer for Christ (12-13)
 2. knowing the Lord is proving our faith (12)
 - B. **But rather** to the level you suffer for Him, **keep rejoicing** (13a)
 - C. **Keep rejoicing, understanding** when Jesus is revealed **this will bring exceeding future joy** (13b)

- II. **REALIZE SUFFERING FOR CHRIST IS AN EVIDENCE OF A BLESSED RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD** (14)

- III. **MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT SUFFERING FOR SHAMEFUL THINGS, BUT IF YOU SUFFER FOR CHRIST, DO NOT BE ASHAMED BUT INSTEAD GLORIFY GOD** because **it is an evidence you are saved** and will not be judged (15-18)
 - A. **Do not suffer for that which is shameful** (15)
 - B. But if you suffer as a Christian, **do not be ashamed but glorify God instead** (16)
 - C. **Glorify God because suffering reveals you are saved**, part of His household, not of those who will be judged (17-18)

- IV. **THEREFORE, IF YOU SUFFER FOR FOLLOWING JESUS, KEEP ENTRUSTING YOUR SOUL TO A FAITHFUL CREATOR IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT** (19)