

## HOW TO TRANSFORM YOUR SUFFERING INTO GLORY (1 Peter 4:12–19)

### A. EXPECT SUFFERING as a Foreigner in This World (v. 12)

*As a believer in Jesus Christ, you should expect suffering in this world because:*

1. You are a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ here on earth. (1:1; 2:11; 2 Cor. 5:20; Gal. 6:14; Phi. 3:20)
2. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ by God. (John 15:20-21; Acts 14:22; Phi. 1:29; 2 Tim. 3:12)
3. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for you as a follower of Christ (2:19-21), to \_\_\_\_\_ you (Job 23:10; 1 Peter 1:6-7a) and ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ you (2 Cor. 4:17; 1 Peter 1:7b).
4. It has been true throughout \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 4:21; 5:18, 40-41; 7:59-60; 8:3; 9:1-2; 12:2-4; 2 Pt. 1:14 cf. John 21:18-19; 2 Tim. 4:6-8)

*\* When will this pattern finally change?*

### B. REJOICE as a Fellow Sufferer with Christ (vv. 13-14)

1. Rather than responding to suffering with surprise, we should \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that we are not only following Christ's example (2:21; 4:1) but we are also \_\_\_\_\_ to Him in our sufferings (Acts 9:4; Phi. 3:10; Col. 1:24).  
  
*\* Who is with you in your suffering and fiery trials? (Isa. 41:10; Dan. 3:23-25; Matt. 28:20; Acts 23:11; 27:21-25; 2 Tim. 4:9-18; Heb. 13:5-6)*
2. Responding this way will result in \_\_\_\_\_ at Christ's coming and the entrance to the kingdom (v. 13; 1:8; 2 Peter 1:11 cf. Matt. 25:21, 23).
3. Responding this way while being reproached for Christ's sake will also result in the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ resting upon us (v. 14; 2 Cor. 12:9-10).

### C. JUDGE YOURSELF in View of Impending Judgment (vv. 15-18)

1. Believers who are suffering should ask themselves, “\_\_\_\_\_ am I suffering? Is it for \_\_\_\_\_ or for \_\_\_\_\_ faults?” (v. 15 cf. 2:19-20)

*\* What does verse 15 imply about salvation and the claims of Lordship Salvation?*

2. As a “Christian,” you have a choice either to be \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s name (Luke 22:54-62) or to \_\_\_\_\_ Him in this name. (Rom. 1:16; Phi. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:12)

*\* How can you do this as a believer?*

3. In light of the fact that God’s judgment upon the unsaved world is \_\_\_\_\_ (4:7), but He will judge \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17), we as believers ought to \_\_\_\_\_ so that we may not be judged with God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2:20a; 4:16; 1 Cor. 11:30-32).

*\* What will be the end of those who do not “obey the gospel of God”? (Rev. 20:11-15)*

*\* What does it mean to “obey the gospel”? (Rom. 10:16; 2 Thess. 1:8-10)*

*\* Where will you appear when God judges the world? (v. 18)*

### D. COMMITTING Your WELFARE to Your Faithful Creator (v. 19)

1. As a believer suffering for Christ, you must choose to \_\_\_\_\_ your soul’s welfare to God (2 Tim. 2:12), while you continue to do good (1 Peter 1:15-17; 2:14-15, 20; 3:6, 10-11, 13, 16-17).

2. If God faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ you, He also can \_\_\_\_\_ you (Matt. 6:25-34; 2 Tim. 4:18).