

"GLORIFY GOD AS A CHRISTIAN"

(1 Peter 4:12-19)

Our Living Hope

- We are but "pilgrims" (vs. 1), implying there is a destination a goal a HOMELAND! Heb 11:13-16
- This HOMELAND is spoken of as a LIVING HOPE which Peter points to as a means of encouraging us to ENDURE—1:6-9,13,13; 5:9-11

OUR LIVING HOPE (1:1-12)

BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY (1:13-2:3)

CORNER STONE OR STUMBLING STONE (2:4-10)

ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS (2:11-12)

RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENT (2:13-17)

RESPONSE TO ABUSIVE AUTHORITY (2:18–25)



l Peter 3:1-7 A God Honoring Marriage

"heirs together of the grace of life"



"Don't Allow Suffering To Rob You of Your Blessing"

I Peter 3:8-17

- Remember You Are Blessed If You Suffer For Christ (3:14,17)
- Sanctify The Lord In Your Hearts (3:14-15)
- Always Be Ready To Give A Defense (3:15)
- Keep Your Conscience Clean (3:16)

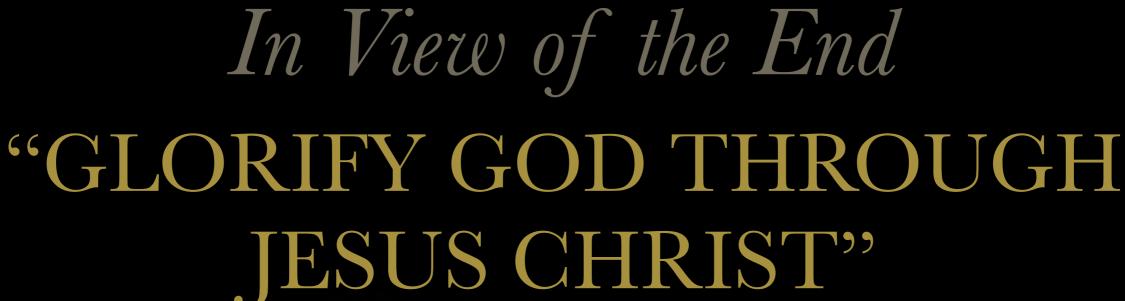
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We Are Saved Through The Suffering & Resurrection of Jesus (18) Those who suffer with Christ will be victorious (19-22)

ARMINIS YOURSELF SUFFIELDING With The Same Mind Christ Had

1 PETER 4:1-6





Think Soberly,

Love Fervently,

Teach Authoritatively

Serve Faithfully-

(1 Peter 4:7-11)

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SUFFERING JOYFULLY 1 Peter 4:12-19

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Principles Governing the Christian's Behavior In Suffering



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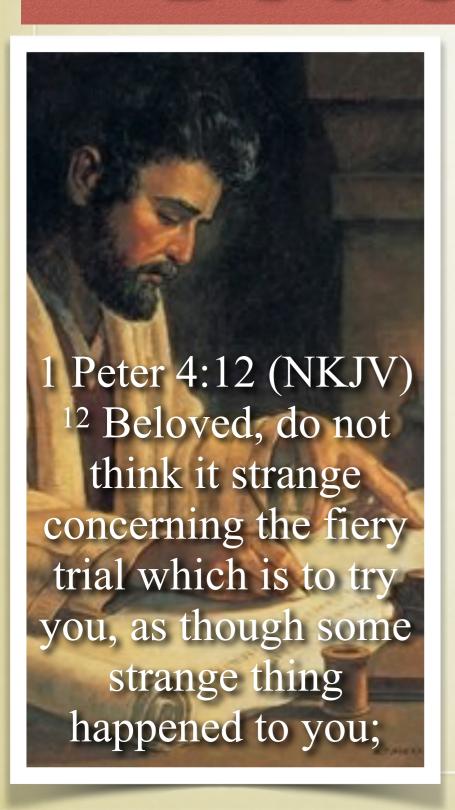
1 Peter 4:12–19 (NKJV)

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

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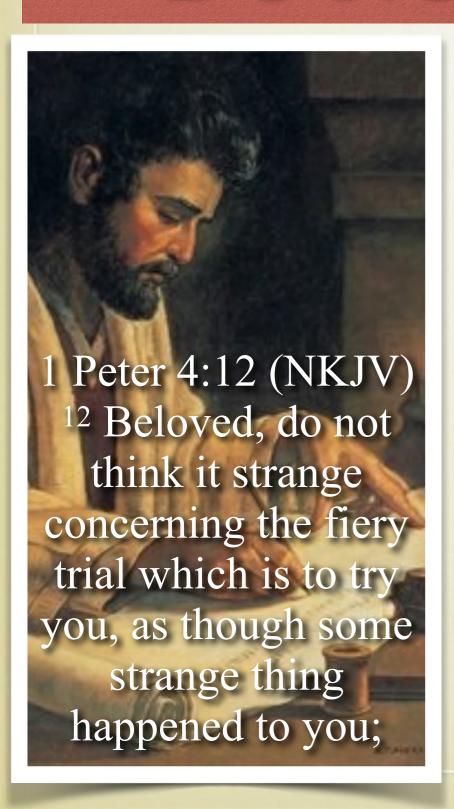
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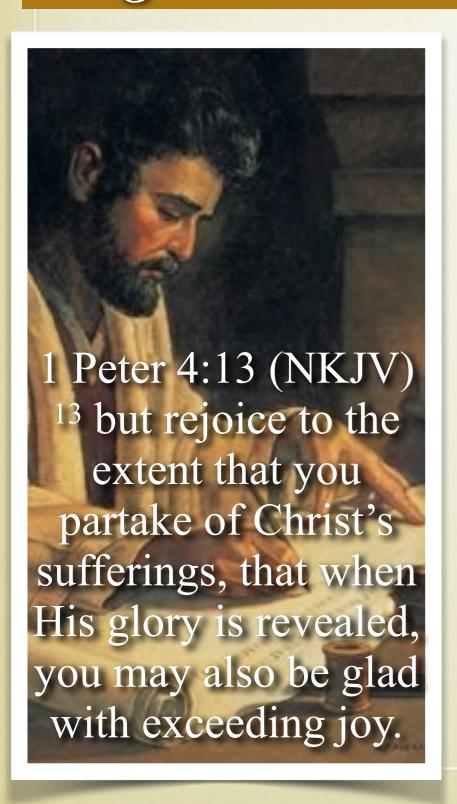


- They Have Suffered, But There Is More Suffering To Come (4:12)
 - They were to expect more trials to come like what they had experienced (1:6,7; 2:12; 3:16,17)
 - Living for Christ places the Christian at odds with the world (4:1-6; Jn 3:20; 15:18-21; cf. Gen. 19:9; 2 Pe. 2:7, 8)
 - As faithful Christians, suffering was "par for the course" (ch. 5:9. 1 Co. 10:13. 1 Th. 3:2–4. 2 Ti. 3:12).

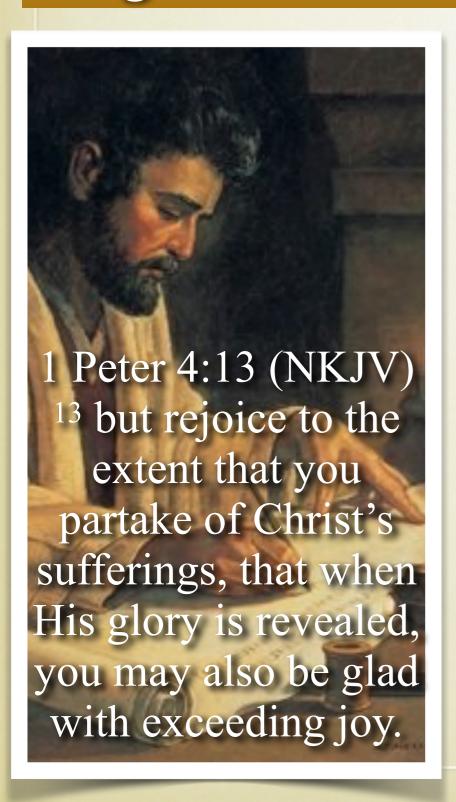
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 - "Fiery trial which is to try you" Their faith would continue to be put to the test (1:6,7; Mat. 13:21; Acts 14:22).
 - Trials exist because wickedness exists, but God uses them to purify and strengthen those trust in Him (Job; Jam. 3:10,11; 1 Pet. 1:5)
 - Those who endure will be glorified (1:3,4; 5:10; Rom. 8:17,18)



- Jesus Suffered For Us And We Are Blessed If We Suffer For Him (4:13-18)
 - Jesus instructs us to be joyful in suffering for Him (Mt 5:11-12; Luke 6:23)
 - Paul said "we rejoice in hope of the glory of God ... we also glory in tribulations" Ro 5:3-5
 - James also taught trials ought to be an occasion for joy (James 1:2-4)



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 - Joy is NOT found in the suffering itself, but through our faith in the promises of God, we rejoice in what our suffering accomplishes [perseverance; character; hope] (Rom. 5:3-5; Jam 1:2-4)
 - We rejoice exceedingly in glorifying God which eventually results in our appearing with Him in glory (2 Thes. 1:5-10; Col. 3:4)

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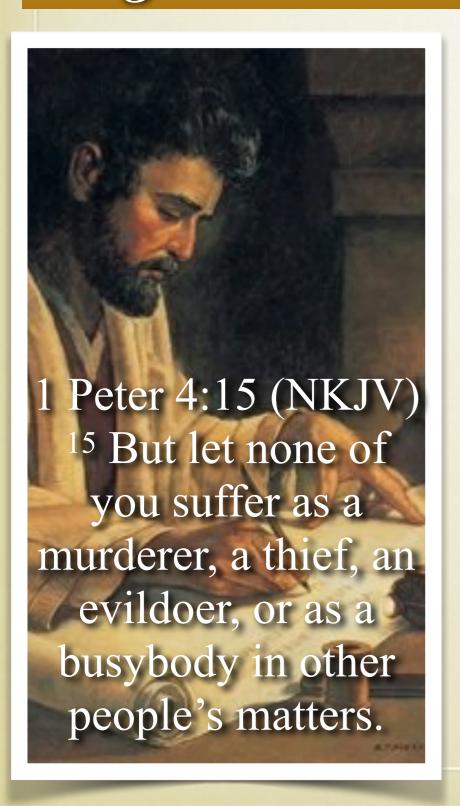
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 - "If you are reproached" reviled, suffering abuse, denounced ...
 - "for the name of Christ" For being a Christian. (Mat 5:11; Acts 5:41; 9:16; 21:13).
 - "blessed are you' (Mat 5:11-12). We should not view ourselves as helpless victims (James 1:2-12)
 - Everlasting joy awaits the child of God. (Lk 6:22-23; 2 Tim. 2:12)

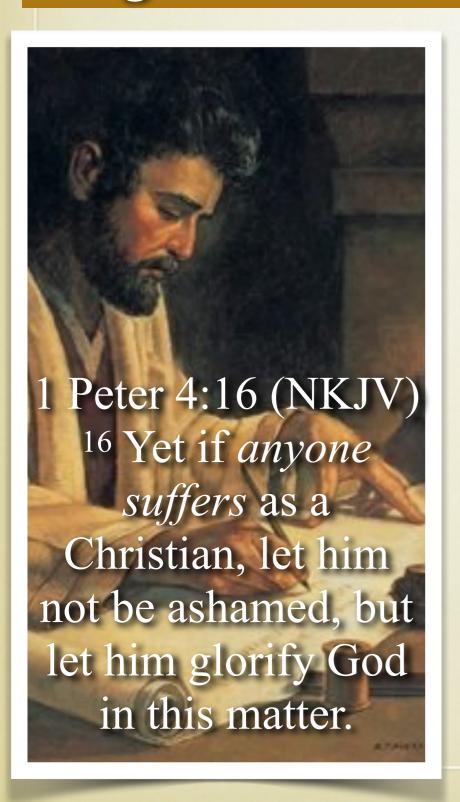
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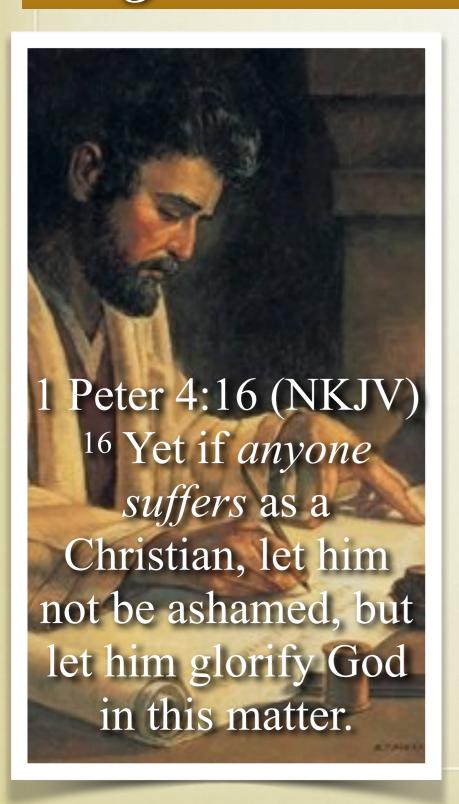
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 - "for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you" - God's approval rests upon us (Jn 14:18; Heb. 13:5; Mat 28:20)
 - Even though wicked men may blaspheme God and us, we have a promise we will not be forsaken. (Ps. 27:1; 118:6; Heb. 13:5,6)
 - When Christians are suffering for doing right, God is being glorified (Mat. 5:16)



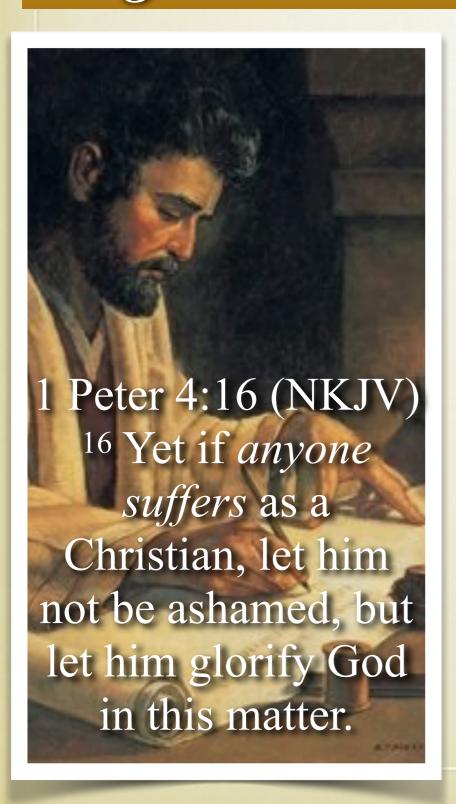
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 - Suffering for wrong doing is real also but one receives no approval and happiness from such suffering as one would for suffering, on behalf of, or in the name of, Christ.' (Hamilton p. 261)
 - Those who suffer as murderers, thieves, evildoers, and busybodies, get what they deserve, (Gal. 6:7-9; 1 Pet. 2:13,14; Rom. 13:3,4)



- Jesus Suffered For Us And We Are Blessed If We Suffer For Him (4:13-18)
 - "suffers as a Christian" i.e., 'because he is a Christian (Acts 11:26; 26:28)
 - "let him not be ashamed" There is no disgrace or shame in suffering punishment for being and behaving as a Christian!
 - Many voices in society and in the religious world try to make the Christian feel 'ashamed' for what he or she believes.



- Jesus Suffered For Us And We Are Blessed If We Suffer For Him (4:13-18)
 - Let us NOT be ashamed to say:
 - Abortion is murder?
 - Fornication, including homosexuality & adultery is sin?
 - Drunkenness is sin?
 - There is only one church?
 - Denominationalism is sin?
 - Salvation is NOT by "faith only?"
 - Baptism is unto salvation?
 - Unscriptural worship is wrong?



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 - but let him glorify God in this matter'-'acting in Christ's name, as the one who represents Christ to others.' (Grudem p. 180)
 - "do not be ashamed, but glorify God that you bear such a name." (NET)
 - The name 'Christian' is the only designation by which we can glorify God! (Acts 11:26)

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 - "For the time has come for judgment ..." The 'judgment' under consideration from the context appears to be the severe trials which are coming upon these Christians.
 - "Judgment" (krima (kpiµa, 2917) does not necessarily mean "condemnation" but "a decision resulting from an investigation" (Vines)

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 - "the house of God; and if it begins with us first" i.e., the family of God or the temple of God. Either way, the reference is to the people of God "US." (1 Pet. 2:5; 1 Tim. 3:15)
 - Those whom wicked men persecute and condemn, God saves and glorifies, (4:6), but those who reject the gospel and condemn the righteous, God condemns (2 Thes. 1:7-9)

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 - "Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved" the Christian will be saved with difficulty, i.e., via the fiery trials (1:6,7; 4:12; Acts 14:22)
 - "If God's verdict commences from His own house or temple in whom He dwells and who have His approval, then the sinner cannot stand, and cannot be saved in his impious and wicked condition" (Hamilton 276)

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"But if God's elect have to pass through such hazards and trials, the reflection that should stiffen their resolution and redouble their courage is that words cannot describe the irreparable fate awaiting the impious and sinful, i.e., those who reject the gospel, and more particular, the Asian Christians' adversaries." (Kelly, pg. 194)

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It is ridiculous to argue that God won't punish the sinner, in light of the fact that He allows the Christian to be chastened! 'If the church, which is ever the object of God's care, is soon to fall into trial and sore persecution, how much greater must be the misery and wretchedness of those who do not rely on the Lord, and are thus without the comforting assurances of the gospel? (Woods p. 119)

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