

How to Deal with Your Trials

I Peter 4:12=19

Introduction: What do you need to know to bring you closer to Him when trials come?

I. Holy People are Going to Suffer - v12

A. It's not a matter of will you suffer, but W_____ & to what D_____ - Psalm 66:10 & Isaiah 48:10.

B. Why?

1. Because you are a F_____ in Satan's society - John 12:31; II Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2 & I John 5:19.

2. Because you make non-believers N_____.

II. How Should You React When You Suffer? - v13-16

A. Rejoice!

1. Because you get to suffer for the L_____ - v13.

a. Participate = _____.

b. What are other acts of worship where you can participate? - I Corinthians 10:16; Romans 15:26 & 6:1-11.

c. When will this be honored?

2. Because His Holy Spirit will R_____ on you - v14.

a. This probably refers to the S_____ of God.

b. Bible references to this - Exodus 13:21; 34:29; II Corinthians 3:7 & 13; Matthew 17:1-8; Acts 6:15.

B. Your suffering needs to be U_____ - v15.

C. Wear the name "C_____" proudly! - v16; Acts 11:26; 26:28.

III. What is the Purpose for Suffering? - v17-19

A. To test your G_____ - v17; I Peter 1:6-7; James 1:3.

1. Faith testing in the Old Testament - Hebrews 11:8 & 17.

2. Faith testing in the New Testament - Matthew 9:27-30 & 15:21-28.

B. To make an obvious S_____ - v17-18.

1. Judgment = _____.

2. Obedience to the gospel + God's grace = S_____.

C. To compel you to EN_____ - v19.

1. Commit = _____.

2. What is that like today?

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