



STANDING FIRM  
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

# HOPE AS EXILES

1 PETER



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## 1 Peter 4:12-19

<sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

# Do Not Be Surprised

vs:12-14

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<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

**John 15:18-21**

Suffering is the badge of true discipleship.

The disciple is not above his master ... that is why Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true church ... if we refuse to take up our cross and submit to suffering and rejection at the hands of men, we forfeit our fellowship with Christ and have ceased to follow him. But if we lose our lives in his service and carry our cross, we shall find our lives again in the fellowship of the cross of Christ.

**- Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 1:6-7**

# Do Not Be Ashamed

vs:15-19

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Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Mark 8:38**

... all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

**2 Timothy 3:12b**

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**1 Peter 4:17**

<sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

**1 Peter 4:18**

# **Trust God And Do Good**

vs:19

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<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

**1 Peter 2:21-23**

Be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy

**1 Peter 1:15b-16**

<sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honourable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your **good deeds** and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**1 Peter 2:12**



<sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by **doing good** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

**1 Peter 2:15**

If when you **do good** and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

**1 Peter 2:20**

Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.  
And you are her children, if you **do good** and do not fear  
anything that is frightening.

**1 Peter 3:6**

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are **zealous for what is good?**

**1 Peter 3:13**

For it is better to suffer for **doing good**, if that should be God's will, then for doing evil.

**1 Peter 3:17**

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while **doing good.**

**1 Peter 4:19**

Do all the good you can... to all the people you can... at all the times you can... in all the places you can... by all the means you can... for you will not pass this way again

- **John Wesley**