

Pastor Keith Krell | November 28, 2021
1 Peter 4:12-19 | “Grief Now, Glory Later!”

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 4:7–11

How are you preparing for Christ’s return (4:7)?

How have you exercised hospitality this past week (4:9)?

How are you presently using your spiritual gifts to serve CBC (4:10–11)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 4:12–19

John 15:20; 16:33

James 1:2–4

Hebrews 5:8

Romans 5:3–4

Hebrews 12:6–11

1 Corinthians 11:30–32

Acts 14:22

Study Questions

1. How can you avoid being surprised by fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12)? How does your mindset and attitude help determine the way fiery trials shape you? How can you keep yourself from comparing your trials with those of others? How can you make sure your trials grow and refine you instead of causing you worry and fear?
2. What will you do to focus your attention on Christ so that you can rejoice (1 Peter 4:13)? How does this passage help you to support and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit resting upon you during suffering (4:14)? How would you counsel suffering believers to find deeper intimacy with God amidst their pain?
3. How do you react to suffering for the name of Christ (1 Peter 4:16)? How does accepting the suffering that comes from persecution push you closer to Christ? What’s the danger of trying to avoid persecution and suffering for Christ?
4. What is the difference between judgment and discipline (1 Peter 4:17)? How does God’s fatherly discipline in our lives prepare us for future judgment? Since Jesus’ righteousness is credited to a believer at the moment of salvation, what will final judgment be like? Read 1 Corinthians 11:30–32. Does God discipline unbelievers during their lives on earth? Is all suffering related to discipline or can it come from other circumstances?
5. How can you distinguish between suffering for the sake of Christ and dealing with the consequences of sin (1 Peter 4:19)? How can you help your children understand the presence and purpose of suffering? How can you trust the “faithful Creator” amidst suffering?

Recommended Books

Kenneth Boa, *Shaped by Suffering* (InterVarsity, 2020)

Tony Evans & family, *Divine Disruption* (Thomas Nelson, 2021)

Jerry Sittser, *A Grace Disguised Revised and Expanded* (Zondervan, 2021)

John Bunyan, *Pilgrim’s Progress*, updated ed. (Aneko, 2015)

C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain* (Macmillan, 1962)