

1 Peter 4.12-19 | Benefits of Suffering NOTES

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Think of a time when you suffered because you loved God and because you are a Christian?

Think of a time you suffered because you didn't love God at that moment and sinned, then suffered because of your sin?

1 Peter 4.12-17 NASB

We will suffer because of our love for Christ

1. Suffering tests us.

What tests have made you stronger?

2. Suffering causes us to identify with Christ.

Matthew 16:24–26 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

3. Suffering leads to joy (v.13)

Acts 5 Acts 5:41 ⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Matthew 5:10–12 (NIV)

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

4. Suffering leads to blessing (v.14)

Romans 5:3–5

5. Suffering enlarges the trust of our soul to God (v. 19)

We learn God is faithful. We learn we are strong in Christ than we thought. We learn lessons of wisdom, and supernatural faith.

We will suffer because of lack of love for Christ

1 Peter 4:15 (NASB95) Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

1 Peter 3:17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

1. Murderer -

1 John 3:15 ¹⁵Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

2. Thief – kleptis -taking what is not yours.

Ephesians 4:28 “ He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”

3. Evil doer – dadopoios = Doing wrong in general.

4. Troublesome Meddlers– allotriepiskopos = *one who inserts themselves and inserts others in things that do not concern them. Like gossip, slander, busy body or mischief-makers.*

Two modes of suffering here

1 Because of Christ

2. Because of us

1 John 1:8–10 (NIV)

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.