

**Suffering According to the Will of God
1 Peter 4:15-19**

A. THE INTRODUCTION TO 1 PETER (1:1)

4. The *theme* of this Letter centers around _____ for Christ as it relates to...
- a. _____ . (1:1–12)
 - b. _____ . (1:13–2:10)
 - c. _____ . (2:11–3:22)
 - d. _____ . (4:1–5:7)
 - e. _____ . (5:8–14)
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I. Readiness in Mind (1 Peter 4:1-6)

- A. Christ’s mindset adopted (1 Peter 4:1)**
- B. Carnal motives abandoned (1 Peter 4:2-3)**
- C. Criticism Anticipated (1 Peter 4:4)**
- D. Coming Judgment Acknowledged (1 Peter 4:5-6)**

II. Readiness in Ministry (1 Peter 4:7-11)

- A. Prayerful Focus (1 Peter 4:7)**
- B. Passionate Love (1 Peter 4:8)**
- C. Practical Hospitality (1 Peter 4:9)**
- D. Proper Use Of Gifts (1 Peter 4:10)**
- E. Praise To God In All Things (1 Peter 4:11)**

III. Readiness in Suffering (1 Peter 4:12-19)

A. Suffering Expected — Not Surprising (1 Peter 4:12)

- 1. Christian suffering is _____ and _____—and only appears _____ when viewed apart from God’s design.
- 2. God has a refining _____ in suffering.
- 3. Suffering corrects _____ assumptions about the Christian life.

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B. Suffering Shared — With Christ (1 Peter 4:13-14)

1. Rejoicing isn't something you try once — it's something you _____.
2. Joy increases in _____ to our _____ in Christ's sufferings. Suffering has meaning only when it is _____ with Him.
3. Christian joy is not rooted in _____, but in union with Christ _____ and the certainty of glory _____.
4. Future glory puts _____ suffering in its proper context.
5. Reproach for Christ is a mark of _____, not _____.
6. The Spirit's _____ in _____ is evidence of Christ's ownership and glory.
7. Faithful suffering becomes a _____ that _____ Christ.

C. Suffering Distinguished — For Righteousness (1 Peter 4:15-16)

1. Peter draws a sharp moral boundary: not all suffering _____ Christ.
2. Peter moves from _____ sins to _____ sins — exposing false claims of persecution.
3. Peter forces _____ - _____ — not self-justification.
4. Peter redirects suffering from _____ to _____ — when it is for Christ.
5. Peter defines the _____ of glory — God is glorified in the very suffering itself.

D. Suffering Evaluated — By God's Judgment (1 Peter 4:17-18)

1. God _____ His people before He judges the world.
2. If _____ is serious for believers, _____ of the gospel carries far greater consequence.
3. Salvation is secured by grace, but experienced through _____ perseverance.
4. Present trials refine the righteous; they foreshadow _____ for the ungodly.

E. Suffering Entrusted — To a Faithful Creator (1 Peter 4:19)

1. Suffering calls for decisive _____ in a faithful Creator.
2. Trust expresses itself in continued _____.
3. Confidence rests in God's unchanging _____.

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* How Does This Apply To You?

UNSAVED - readiness in suffering... (4:15-19)

1. Not all suffering is the _____.
2. Judgment begins — and It _____ somewhere.
3. You can move from retribution to _____ — today.

SAVED - readiness in suffering... (4:15-19)

1. When suffering feels unfair, faith doesn't argue with God — it _____ in Him.
2. We don't clench our fists; we _____ our _____.
3. We don't try to control the outcome; we _____ our souls to a faithful Creator.

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