

Do Not Be Surprised By The Fire
1 Peter 4:12-14

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)

- 1. We are approaching the _____ of God’s plan.
- 2. Be _____.
- 3. Be watchful in _____.

B. Passionate Love (1 Peter 4:8)

- 1. Before everything else, have fervent _____ for one another.
- 2. Peter progresses from command (_____) → manner (_____) → effect (_____), showing love’s redemptive power.

C. Practical Hospitality (1 Peter 4:9)

- 1. Hospitality should be done as an _____ of _____.
- 2. Hospitality should not be done out of _____ or sense of _____.

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D. Proper Use Of Gifts (1 Peter 4:10)

1. Each believer _____ a spiritual _____ or gift mix at the point of salvation.
2. Believers are _____ to minister to _____.
3. God has entrusted you with a certain ability or skill for the purpose to _____ and _____ others.
4. We are to serve by the _____ of God.

E. Praise To God In All Things (1 Peter 4:11)

1. Ministry must be _____ - _____.
2. Peter underscores that all ministry flows from God's _____.
3. The aim of all service is God's _____ through Jesus Christ.
4. Peter is worshipping the Lord and looking for our agreement... _____!

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.

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.

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Next time:

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

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

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

* How Does This Apply To You?

UNSAVED - readiness in suffering... (4:12-14)

1. You are not _____ for eternity — because you have not yet _____ Christ.
2. Until you _____ Jesus Christ, you are not ready for ministry — you cannot _____ the One you do not yet know.
3. Jesus suffered for you so you could be forgiven, made new, and made ready — first for _____, then for _____.

SAVED - readiness in suffering... (4:12-14)

1. Expect suffering — _____ it through God's _____.
2. Rejoice from your _____ in Christ.
3. View suffering as _____ — not _____.

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