



C O R N E R S T O N E
B A P T I S T C H U R C H

“Change Your Perspective on Suffering”

1 Peter 4:12-19

I. Our natural response to hardship is probably the _____ response (4:12).

James 1:2

a. Realign persecution experiences as _____ that you have a share in the glory of Christ at His revelation (4:13).

Luke 6:26

b. The _____ of Christ guides Christians into and through suffering (4:14).

II. There are forms of suffering in which you _____ to be ashamed and those in which you _____ be ashamed:

a. Anyone suffering as a murderer, thief, evildoer or as an “overseer of others” (_____!) ought to be ashamed (4:15).

b. Anyone suffering as a “Christian” is commanded to _____ his/her thinking about shame and honor (4:16).

Matthew 5:12; Acts 5:41

III. Persecution is a form of God’s judgment and it is beginning at the _____ of God (4:17)!

a. Peter’s notes the even greater dilemma for the ungodly—if God is allowing harsh judgments for sin on His own children in the form of persecution, what will be their _____ (4:18)?

2 Thessalonians 1:8

b. As believer’s encounter suffering, each should know that God is _____ and let that motivate him or her to do good (4:19).