

Positioned By Persecution
Christianity: Learning to Live
1 Peter 3:13-17; 1 Peter 4:1-6; 1 Peter 4:12-19
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1. Be ready for **opportunities** (3:13-17)
 - Doing right will **bless** the world
 - Reacting right will reveal your **blessing**
 - **Be brave** in persecution
 - **Be bold** in persecution - Be ready always!

2. Be **repulsed** by the old life (4:1-3)
 - We were saved **from** our sins *Ro 6:11*
 - We were saved **for** our Savior *Ro 6:13-14*
 - We have spent enough time in **sin**.

3. Get **real** about opposition (4:4-5)
 - Your restraint makes **no sense** to this world.
 - Your restraint makes **no friends** of the world
 - Your restraint does give **a warning** to the world
 - Your restraint does give an **opportunity** to the world.

4. Start **rejoicing** over fellowship in Christ's sufferings - (4:12-16)
 - Persecution is no cause for **worry**
 - Persecution is a cause for **glory**
 - Persecution is not a cause for **shame** Phil 3:7-11

5. Do remember - Suffering is **sometimes** part of God's plan - (17-19)

- God's allows some suffering now for saints according to his own purpose and it ends here.
- God appoints some suffering for the sinner later and where and when will it ever end? - 2 Thes 1:6-10; Rev 20:11-15