

A Christian Responds to Suffering
1 Peter 4:12-19
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We want our kids to have an easy, pain-free, fun childhood.

Suffering of any kind is most unwelcome.

Christians should not be Surprised by Trials

Suffering is a test (1 Peter 1:7; Proverbs 27:21)

Why are we surprised at sufferings?

What are the thoughts that arise in the midst of suffering?

“God isn’t here!”

“This isn’t right, this is for no purpose!”

“They are getting away with this! There is no justice.”

Christians can Rejoice in the Purpose of and Blessing in the Trials

It is sent to test you.

You share in suffering, with Christ.

His glory will be revealed in it.

The Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you.

Christians examine themselves in Trials

We often suffer because of our own stupidity or neglect.

Do not be ashamed of your suffering for the cause of Christ.

Judgement to begin at the house of God, and then to the disobedient.

Judgment is the action of the judge; in refinement or condemnation.

Are you the potato or the egg?

Christians trust God through Trials

This is happening to you, according to the will of God.