

1 Peter 4: When We Must Suffer

“Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.” 1 Peter 4:16, English Standard Version

It is wise to _____ for the possibility of _____ for our faith.

4:1-6 – Accepting The Possibility Of Suffering

A. Being a Christian will involve suffering:

1. 4:1,2 – We are to _____ ourselves by knowing _____ suffered in the flesh. It shows we’ve _____ from sin.
2. 4:3-5 – Living like the _____ do is in our _____. They may _____ us for not living as they do.
3. 4:6 – The _____ was preached to those who are _____ so they might _____ in the spirit the way _____ does.

B. The military doesn’t wait until _____ to begin training.

4:7-11 – Choosing To Live As A Family

A. Hillyer: “Unity is _____.” It helps in times of persecution.

B. Peter’s exhortations:

1. 4:7 – Since the _____ is at hand, be _____ - _____ and sober-_____.
2. 4:8 – Loving one another _____ will _____ a multitude of _____.
3. 4:9 – Showing _____ would be vital in days ahead.
4. 4:10,11 – Using our _____ to _____ one another would likewise be vital.

4:12-19 – Choosing To Be Blessed Through Suffering

A. How people of faith should view suffering:

1. 4:12-14 – It shouldn’t _____ us; _____ had to suffer.
2. 4:15,16 – If we suffer for doing _____, we should be _____, but not if we suffer as a _____.
3. 4:17-19 – When persecuted, _____ yourself to God, as to a _____ Creator while continuing to do _____.

B. Though it hurt Peter to think of their suffering, he wanted them to be _____ for it so they would endure.

Pliny wrote of Roman persecution just _____ years after Peter’s letter.

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