

Sermon Notes

Right Perspective & Right Responses to Suffering Persecution as a Christian

1 Peter 4:12-19

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

4:12 You should not be surprised at persecution.

This is the first right response.

God uses persecution to refine us.

4:13 In sharing the sufferings of Christ, you should rejoice.

This is the second right response to suffering.

It seems, suffering can bring you closer to Christ.

If you rejoice in suffering, your rejoicing at the end of time will be even greater.

4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed.

The reason you are blessed seems to be because the Holy Spirit will manifest Himself in a special way, to comfort you.

So suffering can help give you more intimacy with God.

4:15-16 You should not suffer as an evildoer, but if you suffer as a Christian, you should not be ashamed, and should glorify God.

This is the third right response to suffering; it has two parts.

4:17-18 Christians won't be judged the same as non-Christians.

We may think we have it bad, suffering here on earth. But really, because we are connected to Christ, it is going to save us from the worse result.

4:19 We should entrust our lives to God to do what He will.

This is the fourth, and main, right response to suffering.

And it may be His will to allow you to suffer, for good reasons.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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