

11. Instead of being surprised and caught off guard about a fiery trial, we need to do what?

12. If it were easy to realign our focus in the fiery trials, then we wouldn't need what?

13. In the trials we ought to rejoice that the trial is happening because the trial will increase our joy when we do what?

14. Scripture seems to indicate that what in the midst of our sufferings somehow increases the joy that we will experience in glory?

15. What is one of the key phrases in I Peter 4:14?

16. Peter is reiterating what Jesus said in what sermon?

17. The persecution that Jesus and the Apostles experienced came from whom?

18. Most of the harassment and/or persecution we face today is from whom?

19. Persecution can be physical attacks or it can be verbal attacks or it can be attacks on what?

20. When we are persecuted for our love for Christ, our stand for Christ, our service for Christ, etc., we should see ourselves as what?

21. How does Peter refer to the Holy Spirit?

22. When we suffer for Christ we are granted what?

23. What does God NOT give in advance?

24. Who was the first Christian martyr?

25. Unbelievers blaspheme God by the way they do what?

26. We must make sure that any mistreatment we experience at the hand of unbelievers is because of what?

27. Sometimes Christians experience what they assume to be persecution when, in reality, it is simply what?

28. Is there any place in your life right now where you are suffering, but it is the consequences of wrong actions, not true persecution?

29. We shouldn't be ashamed if we do what?

30. What term, used only twice in the New Testament, was a mocking term used by unbelievers to refer to followers of Jesus?

31. The entire section of I Peter 4:12-19 is a reminder that it is not easy to be in what?

32. When Peter uses the word "judgment" (v.17), he is NOT referring to judgment in the sense of a what?

33. Even those kinds of experiences that have positive purpose, they can still be what?

34. Verse 18 is a quote from the Septuagint translation of what verse?

35. The Septuagint is the Greek translation of what?

36. Peter wrote the words of verse 19 and I Peter 2:23 to encourage us to be mindful of God and conscious of God so that we do what?

37. What word means to curse and to throw insults?

38. It takes as much self-control to hold back when insulted as it does when what?

39. How do you respond when you are hit with insulting words?

40. When Jesus suffered, He did NOT do what?

41. Instead of reviling or threatening, Jesus committed Himself to Him who does what?

42. When we are handed over to unjust circumstances, that's the time to do what?

43. Are you consumed with resentment and bitterness and a heart of revenge?

44. Peter encourages us to keep doing what?

45. Where does the "rubber meet the road" in our Christianity?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Week:

1) Read I Peter through one time.

2) Read I Peter 5:1-4 through each day.

3) When it comes to leadership, what kind of leadership does the church need today?

4) How do you see humility in Peter's statement of I Peter 5:1? 5) What does it mean to "shepherd the flock"?

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"SUFFERING THE RIGHT WAY"

I Peter 4:12-19

(Series #22)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon **"Suffering The Right Way."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Many Christians around the world face what?

2. The Apostle Peter was what kind of man?

3. Peter became what?

4. Peter became the man and the what that Jesus wanted him to be?

5. In Acts 4 Peter and John were arrested and threatened with further punishment for doing what?

6. In Acts 12 Peter was going to be executed by Herod Agrippa but what happened?

7. Peter was familiar with what (that accompanies persecution)?

8. It is easy for us to assume that, because we belong to God, we will be insulated from what?

9. When it comes to adversity, hardship, suffering, or persecution, the Holy Spirit of God guided Peter to say what?

10. God has allowed suffering and He uses difficult circumstances to purge us and to do what?

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