



## All for God's Glory PART III (1 Peter

### 4:12-19)

#### Suffering for God's Glory

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### ☑ Fiery Trials

☑ **The genuineness of your faith will ALWAYS be tested by fire:** *“In this [a living hope and incorruptible inheritance, vv. 3-4] you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while, **if need be**, you have been grieved by **various trials**, that **the genuineness of your faith**, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, **you rejoice with joy inexpressible** and full of glory, **receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**” I Peter 1:6-9 NKJV*

☑ **“When” NOT “if”:** *“My brethren, **count it all joy when you fall into various trials**, knowing that the **testing of your faith produces patience**. But let **patience have its***

**perfect work**, that you may be **perfect and complete**, **lacking nothing.**" James 1:2-4 NKJV

- ☑ **Peter says it this way in his second letter:** "as His divine power has **given to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:3 NKJV
- ☑ **Glory in tribulations, knowing what the outcome will be:** "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** Now **hope does not disappoint**, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:1-5 NKJV
- ☑ **He will help; it always works out for YOUR GOOD; and the payoff...you will be conformed into the Image of Christ:** "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be

uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:26-29 NKJV

☑ **Partakers of Christ's Sufferings**

- ☑ **We should expect it! "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.** If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. **He who hates Me hates My Father also.** If I had not done among them the works

which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'" John 15:18-25 NKJV

- ☑ **Participating in this transaction says it all; death—burial—resurrection!** “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death**? Therefore **we were buried with Him** through baptism into death, that **just as Christ was raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection**,” Romans 6:3-5 NKJV

#### ☑ Glory Revealed

- ☑ **His Glory Our Glory:** “For I consider **that the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us**.” Romans 8:18 NKJV

- ☑ **Glorious liberty:** “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not

willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**" Romans 8:19-21 NKJV

☑ **He wants us to be glorious!**

☑ "However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom **which God ordained before the ages for our glory**, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the **Lord of glory.**" I Corinthians 2:6-8 NKJV

☑ "If you are **reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you**, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is **blasphemed**, but on your part He is **glorified**. But **let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.**" I Peter 4:14-16 NKJV

☑ **Reproached for the Name**

- ☑ **Blessed for being rebuked:** “**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’** sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “**Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you**, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:10-12 NKJV
- ☑ Don’t speak in the name—and when you suffer for doing so, don’t be ashamed, but rather glorify Him! The will pagan blasphemy Him; no matter what, you glorify Him!
- ☑ **Peter and John Arrested:** “Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, **being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.** And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. However, **many of those who heard the word believed;** and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.” Acts 4:1-4 NKJV
- ☑ **Testifying!** “And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were

gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, **“By what power or by what name have you done this?”** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: **If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ **Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven** given among men by which we must be saved.”” Acts 4:5-12 NKJV

- ☑ **Order: You may NO LONGER preach in the name of Y’shua! Response: “Sorry, you may think that’s okay, but we are going to continue to do what God tells us to do!”** “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and **perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.** And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could



**say nothing against it.** But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. **But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”** **So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.** But Peter and John answered and said to them, “**Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**” So when they had **further threatened them,** they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.” Acts 4:13-22 NKJV

- ☑ **We will continue to preach with boldness!** “And being let go, they went to their own companions and **reported all that the chief priests and elders had said**

**to them.** So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: ‘**Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things?**’ The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.’ “**For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed,** both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together **to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.** Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, **and they spoke the word of God with boldness.**” Acts 4:23-31 NKJV

 **Suffering as Christian vs. Suffering as a Evildoer**

☑ **Question:** How can you tell the difference when you are suffering?

☑ **Suffering as a Christian:** glorifying Him; living in obedience; being set apart from the world; identifying yourself as a follower of Y'shua and living a life consistent with the scriptures, and then being persecuted for such.

☑ **Suffering as an Evildoer:** In many ways sin is it's own consequence. "You are not always punished for your sins, but by your sins." "*While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.*"  
(Genesis 8:22 NKJV) We live in a legal universe and there are natural consequences for living a life outside of a covenant with the Creator of that universe. Please do not take on the honor reserved for those who suffer for Christ when your suffering is because of your sin!

☑ "*For the time has come for **judgment to begin at the house of God**; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now **If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?***" Therefore let those who suffer **according to the will**

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☑ **Judgement begins in the Church**

☑ **The LORD will judge His people:** “For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “**The LORD will judge His people.**” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Hebrews 10:30-31 NKJV

☑ **Be careful what come out of your mouth:** “But I say to you that for **every idle word men may speak, they will give account** of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”” Matthew 12:36-37 NKJV

☑ **You will be accountable!** “And that **servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will**, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. **For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.**” Luke 12:47-48 NKJV

☑ **Each of us shall give account of himself to God:** “For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. But why do you judge your brother? **Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.** For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." **So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.**

Therefore **let us not judge one another anymore**, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way." Romans 14:7-13 NKJV

- ☑ **Clarification about judgment:** "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? **Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?** Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to

judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!" I Corinthians 6:1-6 NKJV

☑ **The Issues is Hypocrisy: “Judge not, that you be not judged.** For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with **the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.** And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? **Hypocrite!** First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:1-5 NKJV

☑ **Speaking Evil of one another: “Do not speak evil of one another,** brethren. **He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother,** speaks evil of the law and judges the law. **But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.** There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.

Who are you to judge another?" James 4:11-12  
NKJV

☑ **If Christians are judged and “scarcely saved”, what do you think will happen with ungodly sinners?**

☑ “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; **but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.**” Hebrews 13:4 NKJV

☑ **We know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully:**

“But **we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully**, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, **but for the lawless and insubordinate**, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.” I Timothy 1:8-11 NKJV

☑ **Who practice such things...** “**who, knowing the righteous judgment of God**, that those who practice such things [*a LONG list of abominable sins in vv. 28-31*] are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:32 NKJV

☑ **You will not escape the judgment of God!** “Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, **whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.** But we know that **the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.** And do you think this, O man, **you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?”** Romans 2:1-3 NKJV

☑ **Commit your souls to Him in doing good!**

☑ **Not saved by good works, but for good works!** “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good**



**works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:4-10 NKJV

- ☑ **Your good works!** ““You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**” Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

### **NEXT WEEK**

Shepherds and Sheep (1 Peter 5)