

## Studies in First Peter

### ***I Peter 4:12-19***

#### ***Final Words on Suffering for Christ***

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Intro: As we move to the last verses of Chapter Four, we come to Peter's last detailed guidance on the glory of suffering for Christ. It is a blessing, not a curse to be able to suffer for the cause of Christ.

#### I. We Need a Heavenly, Eternal Mindset

##### A. Trials and tribulations for the faith should not cause us any surprise

1. James 1:1-5
2. John 15:18-20

##### B. The revelation of His glory—His Second Coming

1. Keep rejoicing in suffering for Christ
2. At His Second Coming we will be able to rejoice with exultation  
Gk from: agin-much & hallomai-jump for joy  
We will jump for joy exceedingly when Jesus comes again

#### II. To Be Reviled for the Name of Christ is to be Blessed

##### A. The Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you

##### B. Take care not to be guilty of sinful behavior and thus suffer appropriately

1. murder
2. thievery
3. evil behavior
4. troublesome meddler (one who tries to interfere outside his domain)

#### III. There Is No Shame in Suffering as a Christian

##### A. We can glorify God in the Name of Jesus

##### B. If we suffer for Christ, we do so in the will of God

##### C. We must entrust ourselves to a faithful Creator in doing what is right

#### IV. Judgment Begins with the Household of God

##### A. Judgment will start with us (at the judgment seat of Christ)

##### B. If it starts with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not know Jesus and the Gospel