

# “The Glory Which Follows Suffering” 6-09-19

## 1 Peter 4:12-19

Sermon Series- “*Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World*”

**Big Idea-** Because we are associated with Jesus, we should rejoice that we can share in His sufferings but also in His, and our, future glory!

Types of suffering: 1) Fallen world-Rom 8; 2) Temporal consequences- 2 Sam 12; 3) eternal- Rev 20-21; 4) discipline- Heb 12; 5) Voluntary suffering for goodness- 1 Peter; 6) Suffering of Self-denial – Luke 9:23-25; All are opportunities to respond in faith.

**LESSON 1-** To glorify God in suffering, we need to have a proper ATTITUDE

(**Verses 12-14**)

- A. To have a proper attitude, we need not be SURPRISED  
(Acts 14:22; Phil 1:29; 1 Thess 3:3; John 15:20; 16:33- be of good cheer!)
- B. To have a proper attitude, we realize we are in Christ and BLESSED  
(James 1:2-12; Rom 8:17; Luke 6:22-23; Matt 5:10-12; 2 Cor 4:17)

**Going** *God wants us to rejoice that we are handcuffed to Jesus!*

**Deeper** (Matthew 13:18-23; **especially verses 20-21**; Psalm 119:67, 71)

**LESSON 2-** To glorify God in suffering, we need to have a proper ASSESSMENT

(**Verses 15-18**)

- A. We need to assess whether our suffering is our OWN FAULT
- B. We need to assess that God is not against us and we have no SHAME  
(The entire book of Job as an example; Acts 5:41; John 12:43)
- C. We assess that God’s separating begins with us and then the WICKED  
(Matt 25:31-46; Romans 2:5-9; **2 Thessalonians 1:3-11**)

**Going** *God wants us to know that He is always with us in love!*

**Deeper**

**LESSON 3-** To glorify God in suffering, we need to have proper ACTIONS

(**Verse 19**)

- A. There is suffering according to the will of God regardless of SOURCE
- B. The greatest action we can take is to ENTRUST our suffering to our faithful Creator and trust His purposes.  
(Heb 13:5; 1 Cor 10:13; 2 Cor 12:9; Matt 6:33; Job 38-42)

**Going** *God wants us to continue to see Him as faithful!*

**Deeper**

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*