

# Treated like Christ

1 Peter 4:12-19

## Fitting In

What should we tell ourselves or others when we or they are rejected because of \_\_\_\_\_?

## A Brief History of Time

Creation	Fall	Redemption	Restoration
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Matthew 13; 25:31-46; 13:48; Revelation 20:15

## Peter and Persecution

John 18, 21; Acts 5, 12; Church tradition

## Purpose of 1 Peter

That people would stand firm in \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of the difficulties it brought to be a Christian (\_\_\_\_\_)

Note: Suffering for being a Christian is more likely the \_\_\_\_\_ you are in the \_\_\_\_\_ hierarchy.

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12-13: Suffering should bring \_\_\_\_\_ (now and later), not \_\_\_\_\_

John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12

Following a different \_\_\_\_\_ will bring conflict

Peter's focus: social \_\_\_\_\_ for obeying Jesus and being \_\_\_\_\_ with Him

Peter's descriptions of the suffering: "\_\_\_\_\_ persecution"

Would end if people stopped \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, or stopped being visibly \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus

Fiery ordeal: perhaps "\_\_\_\_\_ fire"

14-16: Only suffering "as a \_\_\_\_\_" guarantees joy

Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ rests upon sufferers

A special \_\_\_\_\_, and a special \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering for being illegal, immoral, rude, arrogant, judgmental, or wrong

Suffering rightly brings \_\_\_\_\_ to God John 21:19

17-18: Suffering is part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ people

So society's rejection can be a \_\_\_\_\_ sign

When rejected \_\_\_\_\_ of being connected with CHRIST, it confirms your identity \_\_\_\_\_

If suffering is a part of the \_\_\_\_\_ in our being saved (for Jesus and for us), how much worse it will eventually be for those who are not being saved!

Acts 14:22

19: Sufferers: \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to your faithful Creator

Obedying Christ is an expression of \_\_\_\_\_ in Him

Boldly identifying oneself with Jesus is declaring His \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:23

## The Big Idea:

**Suffering for being a Christian shouldn't be surprising, and it is cause for joy and renewed strength for obeying Christ**

## Application:

Have the courage to be \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian

Luke 6:26; Matthew 5:13; Romans 12:1-2

In our actions and words, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ follow Jesus

Be distinctive as a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:12

Rejoice in being \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ

Acts 5:41-42

Be assured of future joy with Jesus: when He comes in glory!

\_\_\_\_\_ joy becomes \_\_\_\_\_ joy by faith

Rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in suffering now

\_\_\_\_\_ with those who are persecuted

\_\_\_\_\_ from them

\_\_\_\_\_ them

\_\_\_\_\_ for them

Pray for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, as well as God's peace and presence by the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 1:7

## Reflection Questions

- Where do you experience the threat of rejection because of obedience to and identification with Jesus Christ?
- Where are you tempted not to be distinctive as a Christian?
- What increases your courage to be distinctive as a Christian?