

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 4:12-19

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“WHAT WE REALLY NEED – WHEN WE REALLY HURT” – PART 2

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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Congregational Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19

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14 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.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer,
a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

:17 For (in conjunction with suffering) 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? 18 Now *“If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”* 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Let me just say it now, Let's be honest –

Christianity and the Christian, like our Lord Jesus Christ, will be targeted by an unbelieving world because of a myriad of reasons...

Our Lord Jesus went out of His way to make sure
that you would not be fooled or beguiled into becoming a Christian,

What was it like that day when Jesus said:
(Imagine if Jesus were to be physically present today & teaching)

John 15:18-20

“If the world **HATES** you, you know that it **HATED** Me before it **HATED** you. **19** 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. **20** 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.

Muslim Warriors “Easter Day” Statement

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/sri-lanka-investigates-possible-isis-involvement-easter-sunday-bombings-n997901>

WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT

1.) Is a greater faith

vs. 12-13

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We need to know the truth about suffering,
Suffering is appointments with God for the development of a greater faith.

**WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT
IS A GREATER FAITH**

1a.) Faith in God’s long-term plan

vs. 12a

:12a Beloved, do not think it strange
concerning the fiery trial which is to try you,

with the emphasis on
“which is to TRY you”

Try grk: peirasmos; to bring us to the point of truth. to bring us face to face with reality. (implying that our humanity has a hard time with the Real Life issues)

Excuse me pastor Jack, but the word “fiery” sounds a bit intense, even uncomfortable.”

Fiery grk purosos; a furnace or oven, intense heat. goal being to refine and to perfect and to make pure. (not to destroy)

Job 23:10-12

But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, (*result, fruit, purpose, application*) I shall come forth as gold. **11** My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside. **12** I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth

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1b.) Faith in God’s appointments

vs. 12b-13a

Verse 12b

:12b as though some **strange thing** (these **things**) happened to you;

strange grk: xenos; a foreign invader. An unknown stranger.

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1c.) Faith in God’s finished work

vs. 13b

that when His **glory** is revealed,
you may also be **glad** with **exceeding joy**.

We ended with a crescendo of assurance...

Romans 8:18

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.**

Psalm 138:8

The Lord will **perfect** that which concerns me; your mercy, -
He will not forsake the works of Your hands.

Jude 1:24-25

Now **to Him who is able** to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, **25** to God our Savior, who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT

2.) Is a greater purpose

vs. 14-16

**WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT
IS A GREATER PURPOSE**

2a.) Understanding who we are

vs. 14

14 If you are **reproached** for the name of Christ, **blessed** are you, for the **Spirit of glory** and { the **Spirit** } of God **rests upon you.** On their part He is **blasphemed**, but on your part He is **glorified.**

Peter is saying; "Since this is happening to you now - - just wait till later and it will all be worth it".

There's a qualifier here.

"reproached" (*why would that happen to you?*)
for (*or because of*) the name of Christ,

for or because of the name of Christ,
(condemnation by or based on association)

reproached

grk: oneidizo; to cast or throw insults at you. to be marked, reduced, scorned for being in league with or in association with “The Name of Jesus”

Matthew 5:38-39

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Turning the other cheek does not imply pacifism,

nor does it mean we place ourselves or others in mortal danger. Jesus’ command to turn the other cheek is simply a command to forgo or endure personal offenses that are directed at you or your reputation or rights.

“Turn The Other Cheek”

Even in our own day, a “slap in the face” is a metaphor for an unexpected insult or offense. Jesus is saying, “Did someone insult you? Let him. Are you shocked and offended by this? Don’t be. And don’t return insult for insult. Rather turn the other cheek and take an offense well.

Matthew 5:11

“Blessed are you when they **revile** and **persecute** you, and **say** all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Jesus’ Example to Us

Hebrews 13:10-13

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. **11** For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. **12** Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. **13** Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Paul’s Example to Us

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our **light affliction**, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Philippians 3:8-9

Indeed I also **count all things loss** (why?) for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have **suffered the loss of all things**, (why?) and count them as **rubbish**, that I may **gain** Christ **9** and **be found in Him**, not having my own

righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

2 Corinthians 4:8-11

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be **manifested in our body.**

Ephesians 2:8-10

For **by grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest (so that) anyone should boast. **10 *For we are His workmanship, created (resurrected) in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.***

The Great Christian Paradox “blessed are you when you suffer...”

Matthew 5:3-16

“**Blessed** (happy or well-faring) are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4 Blessed** are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. **5 Blessed** are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. **6 Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. **7 Blessed** are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. **8 Blessed** are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. **9 Blessed** are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. **10 Blessed** are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11 “Blessed** are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **12 Rejoice** and be **exceedingly glad**, for **great is your reward in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. :13 (*here is the how come*) “You are the salt of the earth; (*are you*) but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 “You are the light of the world. (*are you*) A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** 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. **16** Let your light so shine before men, (*are you*) that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (*will they?*)”

DO NOT MISS THIS FACT

“Dear Christian, Jesus is not going to replace your suffering with glory. - - Jesus is going to transform your suffering into glory!”

DO NOT MISS THIS FACT

Our magnitude of Suffering here and now determines our future reward by
and by which in turn determines our future glory which will determine our
future praise of him!

**BECAUSE ONLY HE KNOWS WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN
WE REALLY HURT**

End of Study

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