

The Benefits of Suffering for Christ - 1 Peter 4:12-19

Topics:

Believers, Glory, God, Gospel, Insults, Jesus Christ, Joy, Judgment, Name, Persecution, Second Coming, Shame, Suffering, Unbelievers

Open It Questions

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B. When was the last time you were greatly surprised by something that happened to you?

Explore It Questions

1. By what were Peter's readers not to be surprised? (4:12)

2. In what did Peter tell his readers to rejoice? (4:13)

3. For what would participating in Christ's suffering prepare these believers? (4:13)

4. Under what circumstance did Peter tell these believers they would be blessed? (4:14)

5. How did Peter say these believers shouldn't suffer? (4:15)

6. What did Peter urge his readers to do if they suffered as Christians? (4:16)

7. For what did Peter say it was time? (4:17)

8. What question did Peter ask his readers? (4:17)

9. What does the verse Peter quoted say about the righteous and the ungodly? (4:18)

10. What should those who suffer according to God’s will do? (4:19)

Get It Questions

11. What painful trials have you gone through as a believer?

12. How can participating in Christ’s suffering prepare us for His Second Coming?

13. When have you been insulted because of the name of Christ?

14. How is suffering as a wrongdoer (such as for murder) significantly different from suffering as a Christian?

15. When have you ever been ashamed of being a Christian? Why?

16. Why might it be God’s will for someone to suffer?

17. What sort of judgment do members of God’s family face?

Apply It Questions

18. In what difficult circumstance do you need to praise God this week?

19. What steps do you need to take so that your suffering is not the result of your own wrongdoing?

Adult Questions for LESSONmaker.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Southfield, Michigan

Welcome to Bible Study

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INTRODUCTION

The early Christians must have wondered why they were targeted with such abuse and hatred when they were living peacefully and striving to do God’s will. However, Jesus himself suffered, and he warned his followers that they too would face suffering. Peter offered this warning to his readers as well.



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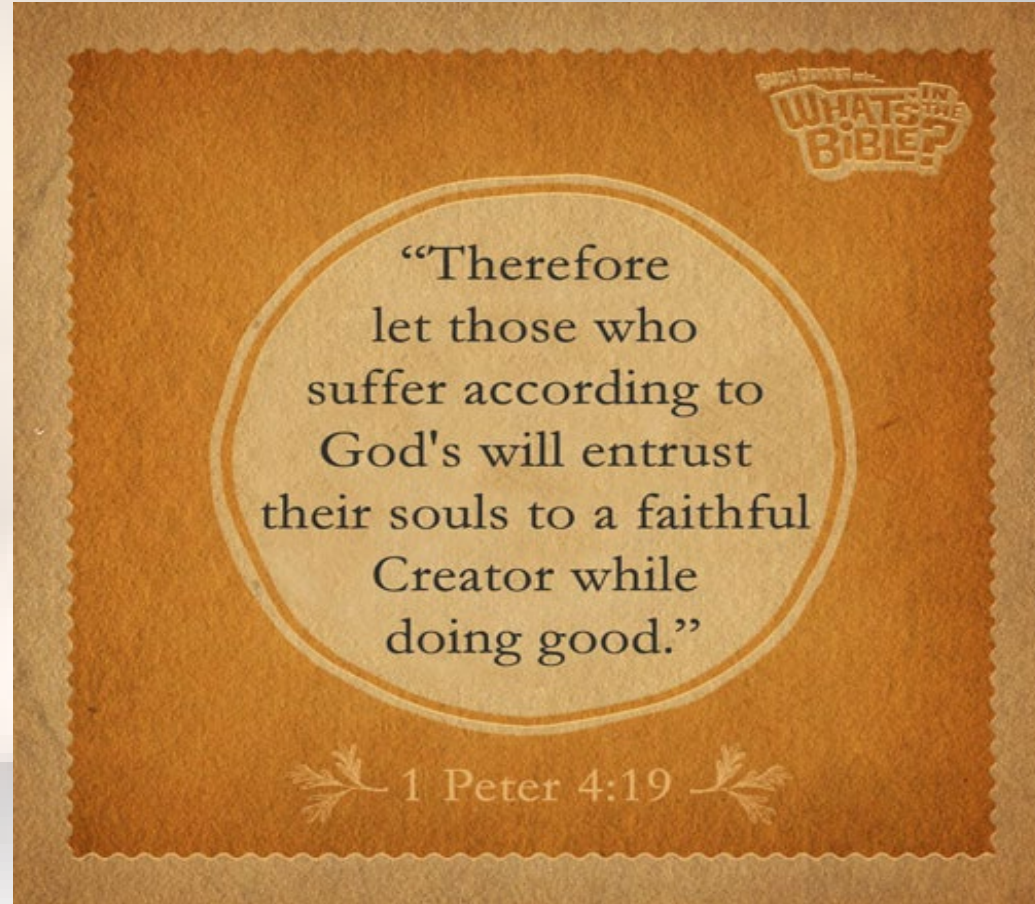
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Next Week's Bible Study

Wednesday,
October 5,
2022

@7:00pm
Virtual via
ZOOM

1 Peter 5:
Christ-likeness for All

1 Peter 5:1-14

IN-PERSON
Bible Study
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40TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Bible Study

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @7:00pm Virtual via Zoom
Brother Kendall Taylor, Lead Facilitator

An Evening of Preaching, Spoken Word, and Ministering in Song

Friday, October 14, 2022 @7:00pm In-Person – New Hope Sanctuary
Pastor David Johnson, Kingdom Covenant Church/Mia Bankston/Kierra Sheard

An Afternoon of Fun and Festivities

Saturday, October 15, 2022 @12:00noon – 4:00pm
Children and Youth on Church Grounds/Adults at the New Hope Banquet Center

“A Homecoming Celebration”

Sunday, October 16, 2022 @11:00am
Dr. John Duckworth, Pastor of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture Reference:

“Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7 ESV)

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