

REJOICING WHILE IN THE FIERY TRIAL

(1 Peter 4:12-14)

- I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS/TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1 Peter 1:1-12)**
- II. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS AND GREAT SALVATION SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION IN YOUR LIFE. (1:13-2:10)**
- III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION, AND A WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE (2:11-3:21)**
- IV. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS REQUIRE A MINDSET That Is PREPARED to SUFFER for RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE In Doing GOD'S WILL (4:1-6), A MENTALITY That Is BIBLICAL and PRAYERFUL In Light of Christ's RETURN (4:7), A MINISTRY to OTHERS that is PRACTICAL and SPIRITUALLY BENEFICIAL Motivated By LOVE (4:8-11).**
- V. IN YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS...**

A. You should _____ when faced with fiery trials like persecution. (4:12)

* How are Peter's readers addressed?

* How are these difficulties described?

* Should we expect these?

B. You should _____ when you participate in suffering for Christ. (4:13)

* What are some reasons for the sufferings?

* What should be your response to these sufferings?

* Why should you respond in this manner to these sufferings?

C. You should recognize that you are _____ when reproached for the name of Christ. (4:14)

* What again is the reason for the suffering?

* What is the nature of the suffering?

* What should be your perspective in this suffering? Why?

* Is this suffering really about you?

* How does this apply to you?