

THE GODLY SUFFERING OF THE BELIEVER

Introduction: Peter reminds the believers to be ready to suffer for Christ as He suffered for them. He gave them ten exhortations to prepare them for the fiery trial that the Roman government was about to bring upon them.

Lesson Aim: Think of Christ's suffering and obey Peter's exhortations to be prepared for any trial.

Memory Verse: "As Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind" (1 Pet 4:1).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Be Pure — 4:1-6**

1. Peter gave ten exhortations to these believers. What is the first one? 4:1
2. When we suffer with Christ (die with Him), what effect will that have on our lives? 4:1
3. What is the opposite of living to the lusts of men? 4:2
4. What do the wicked do when their companions become believers? 4:4

II. Be Productive — 4:7-11

5. What is the second exhortation that Peter gave believers? 4:7
6. What is the third exhortation? 4:8
7. What is the fourth exhortation? 4:9
8. What is the fifth exhortation? 4:10-11

III. Be Prepared — 4:12-19

9. What is the sixth exhortation? 4:12
10. What is the seventh exhortation? 4:13-14
11. What is the eighth exhortation? 4:15-16
12. What is the ninth exhortation? 4:16
13. Where does God begin His judgment? 4:17
14. Why should God's judgment of believers cause fear in unbelievers? 4:17-18
15. What is the tenth exhortation? 4:19
16. Which of the ten exhortations do you feel needs your special attention?