

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGH OUT THE WORLD

## 1-PETER CHAPTER 4:12-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### “WHAT WE REALLY NEED – WHEN WE REALLY HURT” – PART 3

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Lordship, Holiness, Sanctification, Maturity, Suffering**

**Introduction to the Text; 1Peter 4:12-19**

### Congregational Reading

1Peter 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 judgement 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.

Quote from Billy Graham on Grace

Quote from Leonard Ravenhill on Judgment

**WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT**

1.) Is a greater faith vs. 12-13

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3.) Is a greater finish vs. 17-19

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

3a.) Faith enough to vs. 17

**Verse 17**

: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?

**This is not a judgment of condemnation,  
it's a judgment of evaluation. A progress report.**

**A sobering warning is here for us all;**

**Matthew 13:18-23**

“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: **19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the **wayside**. **20** But he who received the seed on **stony places**, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **21** yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when **tribulation or persecution arises because of the word**, immediately he stumbles. **22** Now he who received seed among the **thorns** is he who hears the word, and the **cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word**, and he becomes **unfruitful**. **23** But he who received seed on the **good ground** is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

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

3b.) Faith enough to

vs. 18

Verse 18

Now *“If the righteous one is scarcely saved,  
where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”*

**WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT  
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3c.) Faith enough to

vs. 19

Verse 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**.

Why did Peter refer to God being “a faithful **Creator**?”

There is a reference here that is pointing us to consider the God of all Creation.

**“And God saw That It was Good”**

That Creation was a Good Work of God. Invented by God, designed by God and Performed by God to the Glory of God.

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

## Verse 14B

14b for the **Spirit of glory** and { the **Spirit of** } of God rests upon you.

On their part (the world) He is **blasphemed**, but on your part (the believer) He is **glorified**.

### 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has **righteousness** with **lawlessness**? And what communion has **light** with **darkness**? 15

And what accord has **Christ** with **Belial**? Or what part has a **believer** with an **unbeliever**? 16 And what agreement has **the temple of God** with **idols**? For **you are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: *"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."*

the **Spirit of glory** and { the **Spirit of** } of God

**Rests** **Grk: anapauo**; to give or to settle upon you - His rest! to grant, grace, to give intermission from labor, toil and pressure. refreshing, to have renewal in a time of barrenness. (i.e. To have spring in the Midst of summer)

**"The Spirit of the LORD is here"**

### Romans 5:3-5

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The **Shekinah of the LORD** is implied here,

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

2b.) Understanding what we are not

vs. 15

## Verse 15

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

*Verse 15 gives us remarkable insight  
into the government of God.*

This is how a citizen of heaven acts like in this foreign world.

If others/the empire abused you – you’re not “murder” in return.

If others/the empire took your property – you’re not to “steal it” back.

If others/the empire wronged you – you’re not “to do evil” like them.

If others/the empire slandered you – you’re not “tell tales” insulting them.

**Busybody grk:** a meddler. to insert yourself into an issue or conversation with the intent to inform or to retell. A talebearer in matters that do not directly include you. akin to being a gossip, a gossip looks for situations to insert themselves into to repeat.

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

2c.) Understanding when things happen

vs. 16

**Verse 16**

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

**Ashamed grk:** **aischunomai**, to become “disfigured” of soul by sorrow or embarrassment. To feel or to believe that you have been “dis-graced” i.e. to feel or to believe that you have been abandoned or separated from God. to feel the shame of having been fooled or tricked. red-faced.

**James 1:12 NIV**

**Blessed** is the one who **perseveres under trial** because, having stood the **test**, that person will receive **the crown of life** that the Lord has promised to **those who love him**.

**Philippians 1:20-21**

according to my earnest expectation and hope that **in nothing I shall be ashamed**, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**2 Timothy 1:12**

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

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

3.) Is a greater grace

vs. 17-19

What is the meaning of “grace”  
What is the meaning of “judgment”

The grace of God will appear not to right our wrongs. God’s grace is not a magic pill or a celestial Band-Aid, but it will add to, build up what is lacking in our service to God.

3a.) Greater grace for us now

vs. 17

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**For the time has come**

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For **judgment** to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be (be like) the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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### WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT IS A GREATER GRACE

3b.) Greater grace in difficult times

vs. 18

#### Verse 18

Now *“If the righteous one is scarcely saved,  
Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”*

they are in fact – “lost” adrift, unaccounted for, or missing.

No name on the manifesto / “not you seat”

### WHAT WE REALLY NEED WHEN WE REALLY HURT IS A GREATER GRACE

3c.) Greater grace through to the end

vs. 19

#### Verse 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**.

**commit** their souls = being totally and fully reliant  
upon God’s mercy and grace to sustain you

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## The Author & Finisher

### Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

### Verse 19b

As to a faithful **Creator**.

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

### There is the judgment of the Lost

#### Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

There is a “conduct” of the Lost

### Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ <sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? <sup>39</sup> Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ <sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ <sup>44</sup> “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### There is the judgment of the Saved

#### 2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

# *End of Study*

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