

I. WE SHOULD EXPECT TRIALS AND REJOICE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING (1 PETER 4:12-13)

A. Trials are meant to test us, and they are not extraordinary **(1 Peter 4:12)**

1. Christians should expect trials in this world **(John 16:33; Acts 14:21-22)**

2. Trials test our faith **(1 Peter 1:6-7; James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5)**

B. Our trials help us become more like Christ and increase our longing for his glory **(1 Peter 4:13; 2:21-23)**

1. The call to rejoice in suffering is an essential Christian perspective **(Acts 5:40-42)**

2. Joyful suffering now will give way to joyful glory later **(1 Peter 1:7-8; Jude 24-25)**

II. IT IS A BLESSING TO BE INSULTED FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST (1 PETER 4:14-15)

A. Insults, reviling, and slander are typical experiences Christians face **(1 Peter 2:12; 3:9; 3:16)**

1. Since this is how Jesus was treated, we should expect the same **(Luke 7:33-34; Matthew 10:25; 2 Timothy 3:12; Luke 6:26)**

2. We are blessed to be insulted for the name of Christ **(1 Peter 4:14; Matthew 5:11-12)**

B. There is no blessing for suffering because of evil behavior **(1 Peter 4:15; 1 Peter 2:11-12, 19-20)**

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST (LUKE 11:14-15, 19-20)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is one of the purposes of trials? How can trials be beneficial in the life of a Christian?

2. How are Christians typically insulted in our society today? What can Christians do to joyfully endure insults?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Extraordinary –

Tribulation –

Revile –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD