

## **I. BLESSED INSULTS AND REJOICING IN SUFFERING (1 PETER 4:14–16)**

### **A. Word-based suffering and glorifying God (v. 14, 16)**

1. A form of word-based suffering is being insulted for being a Christian (**v. 14a, 16a; John 15:18–21**)
2. Being blessed is a reason to not be ashamed (**v. 14b, 16b; 1 Pet. 2:6**)
3. The Spirit of glory enables us to glorify God (**v. 14c, 16c**)

### **B. Suffering for sin is not an honor (v. 15; 1 Pet. 2:19–20; 3:17)**

## **II. WHEN WE SUFFER, WE SHOULD TRUST GOD AND KEEP DOING GOOD (1 PETER 4:17–19)**

### **A. The judgment of God refines and consumes (v. 17–18; 1 Peter 1:17; 2:23; Heb. 12:29)**

1. The judgment of God is like refiner's fire to purify His people (**Malachi 3:1–4; Zechariah 13:9; 1 Pet. 2:10**)
2. God refines His people through fiery trials that test us (**1 Pet. 4:12; 1:6–7; 1 Cor. 3:10–15**)
3. The fire of God's judgment will come to unbelievers (**v. 18; 1 Pet. 4:4–5; Mal. 3:5**)

### **B. Judgment begins now but will culminate at Jesus' second coming (1 Peter 4:7; 1:5–7; 4:13)**

1. The coming of Christ brings relief or vengeance (**2 Thess. 1:4–10**)
2. The coming of Jesus will disclose hidden things for judgment (**1 Cor. 4:1–5**)

### **C. We should keep doing good and trust God (v. 19; Romans 12:19–21)**

1. There is purpose in our suffering (**1 Pet. 3:17; 1:7; 4:12**)
2. Knowing what will happen, we should keep doing good (**2 Pet. 3:10–14**)

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Have you ever experienced shame about being a Christian? What brought about that feeling? How did you handle it?

2. What are the two things that God's judgment does?

3. How does the second coming of Christ relate to God's judgment? What aspects of God's judgment are carried out at Christ's second coming?

4. How does God's judgment and the second coming of Christ shape how we ought to live? What might it look like for a believer to trust God and do good?

## 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)*

Glory –

Refine –

Culminate –

## NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD