

1 PETER 4:12-15

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Why should Christians expect trials, even "fiery trials"?

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

3. Do you find it a challenge to rejoice in the midst of suffering? What incentive does Peter provide to help us rejoice in our suffering?

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

5. In what way are Christians blessed by suffering? What has been your experience with rejoicing in suffering insults?