

## Rejoicing in Suffering

**Text:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

**Main Idea:** The promises of future blessings should move believers to rejoice in suffering for the cause of Christ.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **suffering.** (v. 12, 19a, James 1:3-4)
  - Suffering is not a sign of being \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
  - Suffering is God's divine \_\_\_\_\_ for our purifying and testing. (1 Peter 1:6-7)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **properly to suffering.**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ that we share in the sufferings of Jesus. (13a)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ blessings: *Future* gladness at the coming of Christ, & *present* refreshment & divine power from the Spirit of glory & God. (v. 13b-14)
  - Don't be \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 16a)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ God that we bear His name. (v. 16b)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to your faithful creator. (v. 19b)
  - Keep on doing \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 19c)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **foolish & godless suffering.** (v. 15)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **to suffer now as a believer rather than later bearing eternal torment.** (v. 17, 2 Thes. 1:7-10)