

## Identified with Christ

1 Peter 4:12-19

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### 1. **Suffering is normal for believers.**

Do not be surprised by it. 1 Peter 4:12

Acts 14:22    2 Timothy 3:12    John 15:20-21

### 2. **Suffering is clear affirmation that you are identified with Christ.** He also suffered. 1 Peter 4:13

### 3. **To be insulted because you are a believer is to be blessed.**

To be blessed is to have God actively working on your behalf.

1 Peter 1:14    Ephesians 1:13

### 4. **Do not be ashamed or discouraged in suffering.**

#### **1 Peter 4:15-16**

A. Those who suffer for sin should be ashamed.

B. Those who suffer as a Christian, in Christian conduct, must not be ashamed.

### 5. **Suffering is temporary. Judgment is forever. 1 Peter 4:17**

A. Those who oppose believers do so because they oppose Christ.

B. We as believers will be judged or rewarded according to our obedience to Christ.

### 6. **God is with us in suffering.**

Have full confidence in His control – faith – trust.

If we do not see the big picture through God's eyes, we will face discouragement and disillusionment.

Never stop doing what is right.