




**Painful Trials**  
(1 Peter 4:12-19)



The world may hate you:  
Jesus Christ received painful treatment from this world. In the same way, we as Christians, cannot expect better from this world.





**Faithfulness**  
Faithfulness to Jesus Christ may bring trouble, pain, and suffering in the lives of believers (2 Timothy 3:12)


Suffering is:

- brief, compared to what is to come
- to prove that your faith is genuine
- a refining test

(1 Peter 1:6-7)





**Rejoice (v. 13):**  
Whenever you suffer as a faithful believer, rejoice that you are participating in the sufferings of Christ




**You are blessed (v. 14):**

- Those who suffer because of their loyalty to Christ are blessed.
- Those who suffer because of their loyalty to Christ have a reward in heaven



**If Christians suffer now for doing good, what will the unsaved suffer in eternity for all their ungodly deeds? (v. 17)**



**It is hard for the righteous to be saved (v. 18):**

**We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22)**



**Suffer according to God's will (v. 19):**

- Believers should not invite suffering into their lives.
- Continue to do good to those who persecute you



**When any kind of suffering comes:**

- Check your relationship with Jesus Christ
- Understand that God is in control of your difficult situations
- Pray for peace in your life



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- Remember that you are a child of God
- View trials as opportunities to know God more and grow more