



Perspectives on Persecution

1 Peter 4:12-19 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. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Six Realities That Will Cause You to Stand Firm Through Persecution

1. It is God's **PLAN** for you (v12 & 18)

2. It is a privilege to **IDENTIFY WITH CHRIST** (v13a)

3. It culminates in **YOUR JOY** (v13b)

4. The **SPIRIT** is with you (v14)

5. It gives total **GLORY TO GOD** (v16)

6. God will **CARE FOR YOUR SOUL** (v19)

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