

The Letters of Peter: 1 Peter 4

Sunday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 26

Verses 1 – 6

- Summarize the prior point that Peter references by beginning this chapter with the word “therefore”.
- Describe the message that Peter delivers in Verses 1 – 2. What is the intended outcome of our willingness to suffer for our faith? (*Galatians 2: 20*)
- In Verse 3, why does Peter remind us of our sinful past, and how does that relate to the transformation we have made in becoming faithful Christians?
- In Verses 4 – 5, consider Peter’s description of how people look upon Christians. Do we still encounter those attitudes today, and what does Peter say will be the outcome? (*Proverbs 1: 15 – 16; Philippians 2: 14 – 16*)
- In Verse 6, how does Peter describe the purpose of the gospel message? Who is the audience that he references, and how does this relate to our obligation to share that message with those around us? (*Mark 2: 17*)

Verses 7 – 11

- What is the “end of all things” that Peter references in Verse 7? How should we respond to this realization?
- From Verses 8 – 9, how does love “cover a multitude of sins”? How can we accomplish this? (*Proverbs 10: 12; James 5: 19 – 20*)
- In Verse 10, what does it mean to be good (or faithful) stewards of God’s grace? How do we accomplish this? (*1 Corinthians 15: 9 – 11*)
- Summarize the point that Peter makes in Verses 10 – 11. What does this say about our willingness to use the talents that God has blessed us with to serve in His kingdom? (*Romans 12: 6 – 8; 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 6*)

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Verses 12 – 16

- What is the “fiery trial / ordeal” that Peter references in Verse 12?
- From Verse 13, how does Peter describe what our attitude should be when we face similar challenges and trials? How can we share in Christ’s suffering? (*Philippians 3: 8 – 11*)
- In Verse 14, what is the result of our willingness to endure hardships that are related to our faith and service to the Lord?
- Summarize the point that Peter makes in Verses 15 – 16. How does Peter differentiate between suffering because of sins we have committed, as compared to suffering for our faith? (*Psalms 34: 19; Romans 5: 3 – 4; Romans 8: 18*)

Verses 17 – 19

- In Verse 17, what does Peter mean by stating that judgment will “begin at the house of God”? What does the phrase “house of God” represent, and why does Peter say that judgment will begin there?
- From Verse 18, describe the meaning of the Old Testament reference quoted from Proverbs 11: 31. How does this question support the point that Peter is making in this passage?
- Summarize Peter’s message included in Verses 17 – 19. What should be the outcome of the realization that judgment begins in the house of God (as Peter puts it)? (*2 Corinthians 5: 10; 2 Peter 3: 10 – 12*)