

I PETER:
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 4:12-19

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I PETER 4:12-16

Beloved, do not be surprised
at the fiery ordeal among you,
which comes upon you for your testing,
as though some strange thing
were happening to you;
but to the degree that you share
the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing,
so that also at the revelation of His glory
you may rejoice with exultation.

If you are reviled for the name of Christ,
you are blessed,
because the Spirit of glory
and of God rests on you.

Make sure that none of you suffers
as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer,
or a troublesome meddler;

but if *anyone* suffers as a Christian,
he is not to be ashamed,
but is to glorify God in this name.
For *it is* time for judgment to begin
with the household of God;
and if *it begins* with us first,
what *will be* the outcome for those
who do not obey the gospel of God?

HOLY AND
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IN A HOSTILE WORLD...
IN SPITE OF SUFFERING

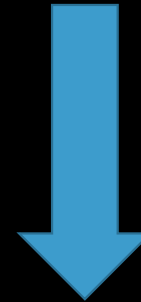
LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

When is the end of all things?

The Rapture!



2nd Coming
of Christ!



THE CHURCH

The Tribulation
(70th “week” of Daniel 9)

The
Millennial
Kingdom

“The End Of All Things”



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BECAUSE the end of all things is near...

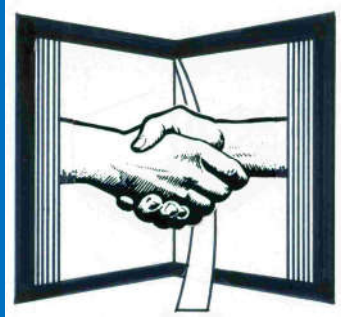
“Therefore...”

- Be of sound judgment!
 - Be of sober spirit!
 - Love one another
 - ✓ Fervently!
 - ✓ Practically (Be hospitable)!
 - ✓ Serve one another with your spiritual gift!
- } Unto prayer!

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUFFERERS, I PETER 4:12-19

- Know that God loves you! 4:12.
- Accept the love and support of other believers, 4:12.
- Expect trials! Don't be surprised!, 4:12.
- Acknowledge it! "Fiery ordeal"!, 4:12
- Recognize God's purpose, "for your testing," 4:12

We need to live **HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVES,
In Spite of Suffering!**



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