

1 PETER

Unshakable: Standing Firm in a Shifting World

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PART 5: THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

CENTRAL QUESTION

If God calls us to suffer joyfully for his glory, how can we reconcile that with our natural desire to avoid pain and pursue comfort?

INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 4 presents a powerful challenge to live with an eternal perspective in a world filled with suffering, temptation, and opposition. Peter encourages believers to arm themselves with the mindset of Christ, embrace suffering for righteousness, and steward God's gifts for His glory. In this chapter, we're reminded that suffering is not the end, but a means to refine our faith and bring glory to God. How can we live in such a way that our lives reflect God's purposes even when trials come? This lesson will explore 1 Peter 4's timeless truths and their practical implications for our walk with Christ.

READ 1 PETER CHAPTER 4 OUTLINE

- The Call to Arm Yourself with Christ's Mindset (1 Peter 4:1-6)
 - Ceasing from sin and living for God's will.
 - o Facing opposition from unbelievers.
 - o The certainty of divine judgment.
- Living in the Light of the End (1 Peter 4:7-11)
 - Urgency in prayer, love, hospitality, and stewardship.
 - Using spiritual gifts to glorify God.
- Rejoicing in Suffering for Christ (1 Peter 4:12–19)

 Trusting God as a faithful Creator.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. Why does Peter say we should "arm ourselves" with the same mindset as Christ in verse 1?
2. How can a believer be prepared to face the ridicule of those who think it "strange" that you don't pursue "wild living" (v. 4 NIV)?
3. What does Peter mean by "love covers a multitude of sins" in verse 8?
4. How can we reconcile rejoicing in suffering (v. 13) with the natural inclination to avoid pain?
5. What does it mean to " commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good" (v. 19 NIV) and how can believers do this practically?

O Understanding suffering as part of God's refining process.

O Glorifying God in the midst of trials.

APPLICATION

I am to adopt a Christlike	toward suffering.
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I am to be a faithful steward of God's	<u>.</u>
I am to identify and use your spiritual gifts to serve others and remembering that every ability and resource is entrusted by about spiritual gifts and discovering your spiritual gift go to: spiritual gift? GotQuestions.org	Him. To learn more
• I am to live with an	
I am to focus on God's ultimate purposes rather than temporary habits like prayer, intentional love, and trust in God's plan to eternal priorities.	•