

THE FIERY TRIAL EXPECTED
(1 Peter 4:12-13)

- I. The Attitude FORBIDDEN (1 Pet. 4:12)
 - A. A FAMILIAR address—“BELOVED”
 - 1. They are the RECIPIENTS of GOD’S LOVE
 - 2. They belong to a fellowship BOUND TOGETHER by LOVE
 - B. A FORCEFUL prohibition—“Do not be SURPRISED”
 - 1. Stop being AMAZED by trials
 - 2. Get over your RESENTMENT of trials
 - C. A FIERY ordeal
 - 1. It will AFFECT them ALL
 - 2. It is PAINFUL
 - 3. It is for TESTING
 - 4. It is not STRANGE
 - 5. It occurs by GOD’S DESIGN

II. The Attitude DEMANDED (1 Pet. 4:13)

A. A FELLOWSHIP with Christ

1. Not all will SUFFER to the same DEGREE
2. Suffering persecution brings us CLOSER to CHRIST

B. A FERVENT joy

1. At this TIME in the midst of SUFFERING
2. At Christ's RETURN in the presence of GLORY