

THE FIERY TRIAL EXPERIENCED
(1 Peter 4:14-16)

- I. The VALUE of Suffering for CHRIST (1 Pet. 4:14)
 - A. The NATURE of the suffering
 - 1. Being “REVILED”
 - 2. “For the NAME of CHRIST”
 - B. The BENEFIT of the suffering
 - 1. You are “BLESSED”
 - 2. The Spirit “RESTS on YOU”
 - [C. CONTRASTING perceptions of the SPIRIT]
 - [1. Unbelievers BLASPHEME Him]
 - [2. Believers GLORIFY Him]

- II. A WARNING against Suffering for SINS (1 Pet. 4:15)
 - A. An EMPHATIC prohibition
 - 1. Applies to EVERY INDIVIDUAL
 - 2. A call to MORAL INTEGRITY

- B. Don't suffer as a CRIMINAL
 - 1. As a MURDERER
 - 2. As a THIEF
 - 3. As an EVILDOER
- C. Don't suffer as a "TROUBLESOME MEDDLER"

III. The REACTION to Suffering "As a CHRISTIAN" (1 Pet. 4:16)

- A. Must not "be ASHAMED"
- B. Instead, "GLORIFY God in this NAME"