

# 1 Peter 1:1-9

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

<sup>2</sup> who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



**EXILES, REFUGEES, SOJOURNERS, FOREIGNERS,  
PILGRIMS, STRANGERS, ALIENS**

**ROYAL PRIESTS, THE ELECT, A CHOSEN PEOPLE,  
A HOLY NATION, CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS TO GOD**





# God's elect, exiles scattered... (v2)

“...chosen according to:

- the foreknowledge of God the Father,
- through the sanctifying work of the Spirit,
- to be obedient to Jesus Christ,  
and sprinkled with His blood.”



DALMATIA MOESIA

Black Sea

ITALY

THRACE

MACEDONIA  
Thessalonica  
Philippi

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

SICILY

Syracuse

EPIRUS

ASIA

Corinth

ACHAIA

Ephesus

Colossae

Iconium

RHODES

LYCIA  
TAURUS MOUNTAINS  
CILICIA

Antioch

SYRIA

CRETE

CYPRUS

Paphos

Mediterranean Sea

AFRICA

CYRENE  
Cyrene

PALESTINE

Jerusalem

Alexandria

EGYPT





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CHOSEN TO BE

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# Set Apart

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DIFFERENT FAITH IN TRIALS

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**AS A PEOPLE SET APART FOR GOD...**

**HOW SHOULD OUR LIVES BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF THE GOSPEL?**

**HOW CAN WE LIVE AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS IN A WORLD THAT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE THINGS OF GOD?**





**DIFFERENT FAITH IN TRIALS**

**DIFFERENT VALUES IN AN UNGODLY CULTURE**

**DIFFERENT CALLING IN A DARK WORLD**

**DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE IN PERSECUTION**







Why does God allow His children to experience such great suffering and trials?







## Philippians 3:10

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...

# Suffering with Christ includes both:

## 1. Persecution

“suffering for righteousness’ sake”

(1 Pt. 3:8-17)

## 2. General Human Suffering

“present sufferings” (Rm. 8:16-30)

# Peter's Comfort to Suffering Disciples

1. Remember who God is and who you are (v3)

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

# Peter's Comfort to Suffering Disciples

## 2. Remember and hope in your inheritance (v4)

<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that **can never perish, spoil or fade**. This inheritance is **kept in heaven** for you...

# Peter's Comfort to Suffering Disciples

## 3. Remember God's faithfulness and power (v5)

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who **through faith** are **shielded** by God's **power** until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

# Peter's Comfort to Suffering Disciples

4. Remember that suffering refines and purifies your faith (v7)

<sup>7</sup> These have come so that the **proven genuineness of your faith**—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—**may result in praise, glory and honor** when Jesus Christ is revealed.

# Peter's Comfort to Suffering Disciples

5. Remember that mature and resilient faith keeps you in Christ, who is your salvation. (v9)

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, **you love him**; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him** and are **filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy**, <sup>9</sup> for you are **receiving the end result of your faith**, the salvation of your souls.



# Different Faith in Trials

1. We remember who God is and who we are
2. We remember and hope in our inheritance
3. We remember God's faithfulness and power
4. We remember that suffering refines and purifies our faith
5. We remember that mature and resilient faith keeps us in Christ, who is our salvation.

Why does God allow His children to experience such great suffering and trials?



## **Matthew 16:24**

“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.”

## **Matthew 26:39**

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

## Mark 10:38

“Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

# 1 Peter 2:21; 23

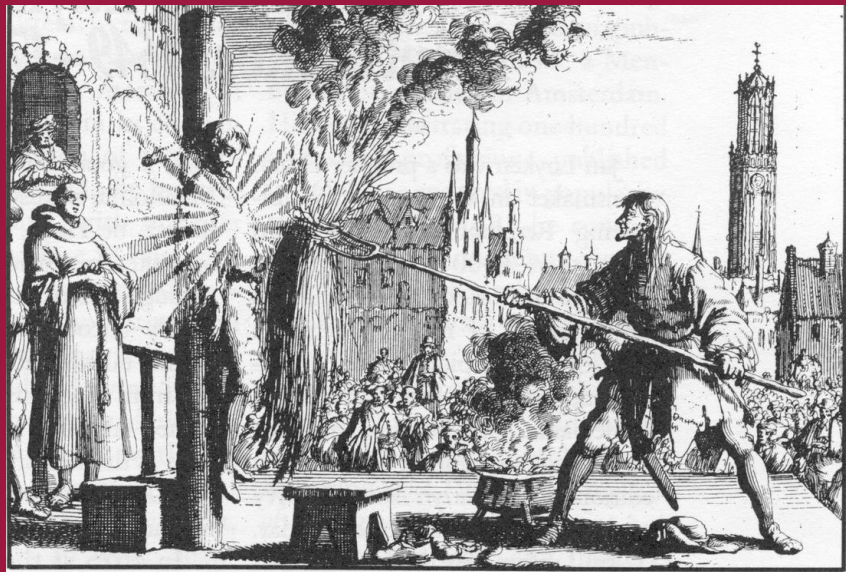
<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps...

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

# 1 Peter 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.







# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?





# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?

*When reflecting on my walk with the Lord, can I recall specific instances where God has used my suffering and trials to mature my faith?*

# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?

*Is there any trace of entitlement in me (subtle or over) that believes that I should not be required to suffer for my faith?*

# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?

*Do I embrace suffering or run from it?*



# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?

*Am I tempted to compromise, water-down, or misrepresent Jesus and the integrity of His teachings in order to avoid social, economic, or physical consequences/costs?*

# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?

*When I suffer, what is my response?*



# Do I Share in the Sufferings of Christ?

*If tomorrow, following Jesus meant giving up \_\_\_\_\_, would I be ready/willing/able to do so?*



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