



PETER

Jesus gave some disciples a second name; Simon the fisherman was also Peter, the "rock." He was the first to invite non-Jews to join the early church.

Book of 1 Peter

Chapter 4

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Chapter Summary –

- What does it mean for the believer to be “carried through the waters of judgment and, like Noah, deposited in a new world (3:19-22)
 - *It means we do “” (4:1-6) not live the rest of our earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God*
- Because the end is near, we are to commit ourselves to loving and serving one another, faithfully administering God’s grace (4: 7-11)
- We shouldn’t be surprised that such a lifestyle involves suffering (4: 12)...expect to participate – and rejoice- in Christ’s suffering. There is no shame in suffering as a Christian. At those time we are to commit ourselves and our cause to God, and keep on doing good (4:13-19)

KEY VERSE: - 4: 19 –”We CAN do something.”

(Richards, L.O., *Bible Companion*. Cook Communications. Colo Spring, CO. 2004. p.882)

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4:1 Suffering in the body

- If we arm ourselves with the same “Christ attitude and determination to obey God”

We’ll accept any pain caused by denying our own evil human desires in order to also do the will of God. *(Richards, L.O., Bible Companion. Cook Communications. Colo Spring, CO. 2004. p.882)*

- :1 Christ suffered in the flesh, He is your example...arm yourselves by taking the same view of suffering as Christ took, which is to accept the will of God. *(Ryrie, C.R. Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition NIV. Moody Press. Chicago. 1994. p. 1915, note)*

:3 – In the past living included: debauchery (excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures), lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry

: 4 – Those who indulge in :3 – do not understand why Christians do not participate...and heap abuse on you.(paraphrased)

:6 For this reason, the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. (See Acts 10:42-43)

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Reactions in Suffering

: 7 – The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

: 8 – Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. (Proverbs 10:12, Matt 18: 21-35 - Love forgives over and over)

: 10 - ...use whatever gift (you) have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace...

Note: Whatever gift = spiritual gift. Other than in NT writing of Paul, this is the only occurrence of this word in NT see 1 Cor 1:7 (*Ryrie, C.R. Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition NIV. Moody Press. Chicago. 1994. p. 1915, note*)

: 11 - ... *... speak as one speaking the very words of God. ...serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.*

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Meaning of Christian – per Study Bible note from Acts 11:26:

Partisans, or followers, of Christ, “Christ’s people” (*Ryrie, C.R. Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition NIV. Moody Press. Chicago. 1994. p. 1688,*)

:16 - If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

:18 - ...”If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner? “

Note: Because of suffering (v 16) and discipline (v 17) the righteous work out their salvation with difficulty. (*Ryrie, C.R. Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition NIV. Moody Press. Chicago. 1994. p.1916*) See also Lu 23:31, Prov 11:31

Next Week

1 Peter Chapter 4: 7 -

In 2 or 3 weeks we start 2 Peter which has 3 Chapters.