

1 Peter: Being A Believer In A Non-Believing Culture

Being a Believer in a Non-Believing Culture requires a commitment to Jesus that surpasses any commitment of any person who is not a follower of Christ.

Suffer To Glorify

1 Peter 4.12-16

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

¹⁶ but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

Facing a culture hostile to you as a believer in Christ gives you an opportunity to bring glory to God

To a society built on multiple religions, loyalty to the emperor, and a sensual and selfish lifestyle, followers of Christ seemed strange.

If we suffer, in any way, because we follow Christ, we

should rejoice. Our faith in Christ is evident.

If we suffer, in any way, because we follow Christ, we should rejoice. God is glorified by our suffering.

How ironic; a culture hostile to Jesus ends **up driving people to Jesus and in their hostility glorifying God as well.**

You are called **to follow Jesus. For this you may suffer. You may face a hostile **culture**. Will you Glorify God when suffering and hostility come?**