

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for December 16-17, 1995

"Fiery Trial"

1 Peter 8:12-19

Expect Suffering (I Peter 4:12)

Theologically - We should not expect to suffer less but actually more because we will suffer not only as a man but also as a follower of Christ (Romans 8:18-21)

Historically - What goes around comes around

This fiery trial was not viewed by Peter negatively but rather positively

1. Testing proves us (I Peter 1:6-7)

2. Testing purifies us (James 1:2-4)

Rejoice in suffering

PRESENT ASPECT - When we share in Christ's sufferings we are commanded to rejoice

The sufferings of Christ are those sufferings that come to us as a result of living as Jesus lived.

Being able to rejoice as we share the sufferings of Christ testify to us of the reality of our union with Christ

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FUTURE ASPECT - When we rejoice in Christ's sufferings we are assured of future joyful exultation

Exultation - jubilant, skipping, boiling over with shouts of delight

"Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you" - God who sent His Son, also sends the Spirit on those who suffer as loyal followers of His Son.

Endure Suffering

Present Ourselves to God