

**Freedom: To Suffer For The Faith**  
**1 Peter 4:12-19**

- I. Do Not Be Surprised About Suffering for the Gospel (12-14)
  - A. Anti-Christian action should not come as a shock
  - B. It is a “testing”
  - C. We currently participate in Christ’s suffering, so that we may one day participate in glory ultimately
  - D. Being reviled for the name of Jesus is a blessing
- II. Make Sure That Suffering Is For The Gospel (15-16)
  - A. Am I suffering as a Christian or am I merely insufferable
  - B. Suffering as a Christian brings no shame
- III. The Crucible of Christianity (17-19)
  - A. Judgment is to begin with the house of the Lord
  - B. With difficulty that the righteous are saved
  - C. Suffering and God’s will produce greater faith