

“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.” (1 Peter 4:12-16)

“For the time *has come* for **judgment to begin at the house of God**; and if *it begins* with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now ‘If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?’ **Therefore** let those who **suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good**, as to a faithful Creator.” (**1 Peter 4:17-19**)

**“The harder the conflict,
The more glorious the triumph.”
-----Thomas Paine
(American Revolution Motivator)**

"The Fiery Trial"

- 1. *Becoming a Christian is the beginning* **1 Peter 3:21;**
Acts 2:38**
- 2. *Life for a Christian is NOT a "prevent defense"***
- 3. *Many have misunderstood* **Revelation 2:10:**
"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Christians are admonished to "hang on" through whatever "tests" the Devil devises, even to the point of death ("until death")!**
- 4. *The "trial" that occurs should NOT be a surprise, NOR create frustration in a Christian!***

The "Fiery Trial" 1 Peter 4:12-19

1. Purpose V. 12-13

1) "Not Strange," or Unexpected

2) "To Try You" 1 Peter 1:6b-7

3) "Rejoice" NOT retaliate!

(1) "Partake of Christ's Sufferings"

John 15:18-20; James 1:2-3

(2) "When His Glory Is Revealed"

2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

2. "Reproached For The Name" V. 14-16

1) FOR: "The Name Of Christ" Matthew 5:11-12

2) NOT: For Sins

3. NO ONE ENDURES WITHOUT GOD! V.17-19

V. 17 "Judgment" of Trials, NOT Judgment Day

V. 18 Quotes Proverbs 11:31 cf Jeremiah 25:29

V. 19 The Only Reason Christians Can Endure

Matthew 28:18-20-"I Am With You"