

# Marks of a fire-proof faith - 1 Peter 4:12-19

## Open It

What is something for which you were wrongly punished when you were growing up?

When was the last time you were greatly surprised by something that happened to you?

## Explore It

By what were Peter's readers not to be surprised? (4:12)

In what did Peter tell his readers to rejoice? (4:13)

What would participating in Christ's suffering prepare these believers for? (4:13)

Under what circumstance did Peter tell these believers they would be blessed? (4:14)

How did Peter say these believers shouldn't suffer? (4:15)

What did Peter urge his readers to do if they suffered as Christians? (4:16)

For what did Peter say it was time? (4:17)

What question did Peter ask his readers? (4:17)

What does the verse Peter quoted say about the righteous and the ungodly? (4:18)

What should those who suffer according to God's will do? (4:19)

## Get It

What painful trials have you gone through as a believer?

How can participating in Christ's suffering prepare us for His Second Coming?

When have you been insulted because of the name of Christ?

How is suffering as a wrongdoer (such as for murder) significantly different from suffering as a Christian?

When have you ever been ashamed of being a Christian? Why?

Why might it be God's will for someone to suffer?

What sort of judgment do members of God's family face?

## Apply It

In what difficult circumstance do you need to praise God this week?

What steps do you need to take so that your suffering is not the result of your own wrongdoing?