

I PETER 4:12 – 19
THRIVING THROUGH THE TESTS AND TRIALS OF LIFE
(FAITH FOR THE FURNACE)

I. TRIALS ARE COMING – DON'T BE _____ v. 12

Jesus in John 15:18,19: ¹⁸“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” I Jn. 3:13 – don't be surprised if the world hates you

“To test you” – Not to “judge or condemn you”, but to “_____” you. This is not a test like an _____, but test as in purifying metal.

II. TRIALS WILL BRING _____
(WHEN RESPONDED TO PROPERLY) v. 13,14

Rom. 8:17 - if we share in Christ's sufferings, we will share in His glory.
Phil 3:10 – “The fellowship of sharing in His sufferings”
II Tim. 2:12 – “If we endure, we will reign with Him”
Rom. 8:17 – “if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.”

v. 14 – “The Spirit of glory and of God rests on you”. The word translated “rests” can mean “to keep _____, to refresh.”

III. DON'T BRING TRIALS ON YOURSELF! V. 14-16

Meddler: W T Purkiser put it – “Prying instead of praying.”

IV. COMMIT YOURSELF TO _____ v. 13, 16 - 19

Acts 5:41 – “the disciples rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer disgrace for His Name.” Suffering for Christ is a privilege, not a _____.

v. 17,18 – God uses suffering to _____ His Church.

v. 19 is the bottom line in THRIVING THROUGH THE TESTS AND TRIALS OF LIFE

1. Commit yourself to God - it's the same word Jesus used, “Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.” It is present tense, which means, “_____ committing yourself to Him!” He is faithful!

2. Continue to do good - don't give into the temptation to return evil for evil. Keep living for God!

