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Instructions for Overcoming Trials

(A Living Hope - part 10 – 1 Peter 4:12-19)

Right attitudes we must have to be victorious in persecution:

1. _____ **It** (vs 12) Why?

- A. Know _____ and nothing surprises Him or thwarts His work
- B. Righteous people have _____ persecution
- C. This world is _____ (Genesis 3:15, John 14:30)

Application: We can expect some persecution in this world if we belong to Christ. Don't be discouraged, but be prepared.

2. _____ **In It** (vs 13-14)

Privileges that encourage us to rejoice in the trials:

- A. Suffering means _____
- B. Our suffering brings _____ (vs 14)
- C. Our suffering brings _____ (vs 14, 16, Acts 11:26, 26:28)

Application: I will seek to bring glory to the name of Christ in my life through times of prospering or times of suffering.

3. _____ **It**

- A. _____ Am I Suffering? (vs 15)
- B. Am I _____ to Christ? (vs 16)
- C. Am I seeking to _____ (vs 17-18)

Application: When faced with trials, I must examine my life to see if I am walking alongside my Lord through it, or if there is some sin to confess.

4. _____ **It** (vs 19)

Application: As one belonging to Christ, I will fully trust Him with all my life, knowing I have a future to look forward to with Him!

1 Peter 4:12-19 "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but 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. ¹⁴If 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. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. ¹⁷For 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? ¹⁸Now "IF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE IS SCARCELY SAVED, WHERE WILL THE UNGODLY AND THE SINNER APPEAR?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."