

1 Peter 4:12-19

12 Beloved, don't be surprised when intense trials and temptations come upon you, as if this was something strange happening to you. 13 Inasmuch as you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, to that extent, rejoice, so that you will rejoice also at the revelation of Christ's glory – that is, you will exceedingly rejoice. 14 If you are abused on account of the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you. 15 Don't let any of you suffer because you are a murderer, thief, evildoer, or meddler in others' affairs. 16 If anyone suffers as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but rather glorify God in this Name. 17 For it is time for judgment to start with the people of God. If judgment starts with us, what will be the end of those who disobey the Gospel of God? 18 If the righteous are saved with difficulty, how are the ungodly and sinners going to fare at the end? 19 Therefore, those who suffer according to God's will should entrust themselves to their faithful creator by doing good works.