

Week 8 outline  
November 8, 2020  
1 Peter 4:12-19

## **Believing Through Suffering**

“Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God  
shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.”  
1 Peter 4:19

### **Introduction: “I Don’t Want to Suffer!”**

### **Summarizing Suffering — 1 Peter 4:12-19**

#### **4 Principles for the Sufferer**

“Methods are many,  
Principles are few.  
Methods always vary,  
Principles never do!”

**#1 — Suffering is God keeping His promises; not violating them (v. 12)**

**#2 — Suffering deepens dependence on God, and counters self-trust (v. 19)**

**#3 — Suffering exposes me as either a happy eternalist, or a miserable temporalist (v. 13)**

**#4 — Suffering doesn’t change right and wrong; so do right (v. 19)**

#### **Suffering’s Outcomes — Christlikeness**

- Faith, which pleases God
- Joy, which draws others to God
- Obedience, which glorifies God

**And Finally, Be Reverent About What You Don’t Understand**