

# 1 PETER

## Hope & Suffering

*"No Shock or Shame; Popping Persecution Misconceptions"*

**INTRO:** *Some Christians hold false beliefs about persecution. In today's passage of study, Peter corrected them, turning his audience's trust to God.*

**I. Christians suffer \_\_\_\_\_.** *Over 90,000 Christians lost their lives in 2016 because of their faith. Many more are imprisoned or incur lesser forms of persecution like job loss or discrimination.*

**II. False teaching on \_\_\_\_\_ will leave Christians \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ when persecuted.**  
*There are two primary misconceptions on suffering.*

**A. Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ from suffering.**  
*These Christians will be **surprised** and doubt their faith.*

**B. Suffering is ALWAYS a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Assuming they've done wrong, they feel ashamed (Cf. Job).*

**III. Trust your faithful \_\_\_\_\_ when persecuted for doing what is \_\_\_\_\_ (4:12-19).** *There is purpose in suffering so we can trust God and His planned process.*

**A. Persecution provides \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*This counters that suffering is ALWAYS a consequence of sin.*

**B. Persecution proves \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*This directly counters the notion that Christians do not suffer.*

**C. Persecution portends \_\_\_\_\_.** *What we endure pales in comparison to what awaits our persecutors.*