

## **1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)**

**<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.**

**<sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.**

**<sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"**

**<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.**

### **Contemplations:**

**(1) "Sharing in Christ's suffering" (vs. 13; Matt. 10:24-25; Col. 1:24)**

**(2) Peter's eschatological emphasis (vs. 13; 1:3-5, 7, 9, 13, 2:12, 4:7; 5:4)**

**(3) Judgment (vs. 17; 2 Cor. 5:10)**