



TEXT SUMMARY

In this week’s text, [1Pet 4:12-19](#), Peter concludes the main body of his letter with several specific exhortations about how Christians are to think about suffering for their faith.

INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. Verse 13 opens with the conjunction “but,” which points out a contrast between two exhortations. What are those two exhortations (v. 12-13)?
2. The conjunction “but” is used in v. 15 to point out a contrast between two different responses to suffering for faith. What are those two responses?
3. Peter opens v. 17 with the explanatory conjunction “for.” How does v. 17 provide an explanation for v. 16?
4. Verse 19 begins with “therefore” as the summary and conclusion of the main body of the letter.
 - How does Peter qualify the verb “suffer”?
 - How does Peter refer to God in this verse?
 - What title does He use for God?
 - What attribute of God does he point to?
 - This exhortation concludes with a phrase describing an ongoing action. What is that action?

DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

1. Peter qualifies his exhortation to rejoice in our suffering for our faith: “insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings” (v. 13).
 - What does this mean?
 - How did Peter himself personify this principle in his own suffering? (See Acts 5:40-41.)
2. Peter keeps returning to the theme that suffering for our faith is the pathway to blessing.
 - What does he say about suffering and blessing in our text?
 - How did he describe the relationship between suffering and blessing earlier, in 3:8-13?

