

Responding Rightly

as a Christian Community

in times of Suffering

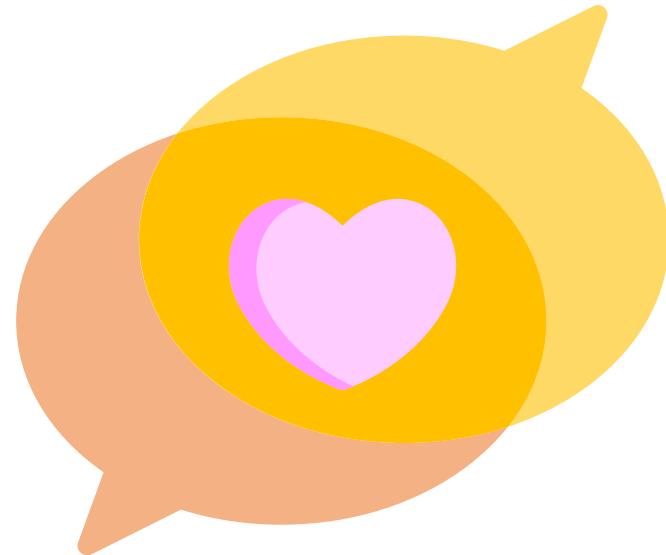
(Part 2)

1 Peter 4:1 - 11

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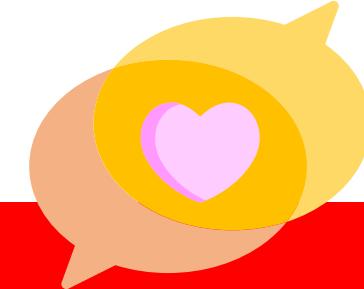
BROAD DIRECTION:

1:3-12 > Salvation: what God has done for us

1:13-3:7 > Holiness: what God requires of us

3:8-4:11 > Suffering: what can we expect in this world

4:12-5:14 > Perseverance: how can we continue in this world to the end



Within the context of (expected) suffering,

how should we (as a Christian community) respond rightly?

A Christian Community's Response in times of Suffering (3:8-22)

1. **Relating among ourselves** with united mind, sympathy, love, tenderness and humility (3:8)
2. **Responding to others** by blessing rather than repay evil (3:9)

For this was also taught during David's time (3:10-12)

by doing good even in suffering (3:13-16)

honoring Christ the Lord as Holy

readily defending our hope with gentleness, respect and good conscience & behaviour

2a. For it is better to suffer than to do evil (3:17)

2b. For Christ also suffered for our sins to bring us to God (3:18-22)

Appreciating His Victory over Death

Appreciating His Union with God

Therefore we have every reason to respond well (4:1-2)

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A Christian Community's Response in times of Suffering (4:3-11) PART 2

1. Responding to others by no longer living your old life (4:3-6)
 - 1a. Expect suffering
 - 1b. Remember God's final judgment
 - 1c. Preach the gospel
2. Relating among ourselves with an end in mind (4:7-11)
 - 2a. Show self-control & soberness
 - 2b. Show love earnestly
 - 2c. Show God-driven hospitality & service



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