

1 Peter - Living For Christ In Difficult Times

“Is There Judgment Before Judgment Day?”

1 Peter 4:17-18 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Believers Suffer now temporarily , but Unbelievers will suffer later and forever

1. We Should Expect Suffering Because God Always Began His Judgment At His Household – 17a

- He began at Israel –

Is. 10:12

Jer 25:29

- He Began at the Temple When He Judged Israel

Ezek 9:5-6

- He did this to purify His People

Malachi 3:1-4

2. Be Comforted By the Fact That Your Our Suffering Will End When It Serves God's Purpose – 17b

- It begins with the Church

to root out sin - Acts 5:1-11 1 Cor 11:30 - 31

to develop Christian character – Heb 12:10-11

- It ends when God's purposes are done –

2 Tim 2:12

Rom 8:17-18

3. Be Warned That Sure Eternal Suffering Awaits You Who Are Escaping God's Judgment By Unbelief

- It begins at the church and ends but ends with you and never ends 17b-18

- If those who are saved are not spared God's judgment here, imagine what awaits you

Malachi 3:17- 4:1