LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

Understanding Suffering

1 Peter 4:12ff

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Don’t Be Surprised When Suffering Comes…Expect It!

- For doing wrong  
  1Peter 4:15
- We live in a fallen world  
  Genesis 3
- We have an enemy  
  1Peter 5:8
- When we identify with Jesus  
  1 Peter 4:13,16
- God is purifying us  
  James 1:2-4
Choose WHY You Suffer

• As a “Good doer, not a Bad doer!” 1 Peter 3:17

• As a Christian 1 Peter 4:16
  ~Kaisarianos: Caesar Worshipper
  ~Christianos: Christ Worshipper

• For Doing Evil 1 Peter 3:17
Look For Positive Spiritual Results Of Suffering

• Makes you obedient to Father 3:17
• Often blesses others 3:18
• Helps you glorify the Father 4:13, 14
• Drives you to examine your life 4:17-18
• Helps you Purify your life 4:1-4
• Pushes you closer to God 4:19
3 Questions

• Are you READY?

• Are you CHOOSING to do Good?

• Can you find POSITIVE RESULTS?