

1 Peter 4 • What's the Point of Suffering?

1. (v.1-6) Suffering **purifies** the true Christian. It's the work of **sanctification** which continually seeks to reject the **lusts** of this world in favor of clinging to His **Word** and **ways** alone.
2. (v.7-11) Individually suffering is a personal work of **sanctification**; corporately it is the work of **sanctification** to purify and unite the whole Body of Christ.
3. (v.12-19) God sends the **fiery trial** to burn away the dross and we commit ourselves to Him for **safekeeping**, knowing He will not **fail us**.