

# Suffering for the Sake of Holiness

1 Peter 4:1 – 6

## I. Introduction

## II. How Does a Disciple of Jesus Embrace Suffering for the Sake of Holiness?

### A. Arm yourself with the right attitude.

**Mark 8:31** And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

**1 Peter 1:14 – 16** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

### B. Expect that choosing holiness will mean suffering.

**1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

**1 Peter 4:12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

**C. Remain confident of the final outcome.**

**2 Peter 3:4** They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

**Hebrews 12:1 – 2** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**III. Conclusion**