

*The cross exposes the way of the world
in a fantasyland where we hunger for
that which cannot satisfy*

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HOPE IN SUFFERING

consequences

“...if you suffer, it should not be as a murder or thief or any kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.”

1 Peter 4:15

circumstances

“if someone bears up under the pain
of unjust suffering”

1 Peter 3:19

contrast

If you are **insulted because of the name of Christ**, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

...if you **suffer as a Christian**, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

...those who **suffer according to God's will**
should commit themselves to their faithful
Creator and continue to do good.

...even if you should **suffer for what is right**,
you are blessed.

(1 Peter 4:14, 16, 19, 3:14)

HOPE IN SUFFERING

...though now for a **little while** you may
have had to suffer...

...after you have suffered a **little while**...

(1 Peter 1:6, 5:10)

...when Jesus is revealed...

...on the day [God] visits us...

...when his glory is revealed...

(1 Peter 1:7, 2:12, 4:13)

...rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

(1 Peter 4:13)

**You can celebrate in your
suffering now**

because

**you will celebrate with no more
suffering later**

...do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal
that has come on you to **test** you,...

...**judgement** begins with God's household.

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