

# **A Study of the General Epistles**

## **(NT Survey Lesson 200--1 Peter 4)**

**Introduction:** In this chapter Peter continues to deal with the problem of persecution or suffering (4:1-6). In addition he tells us how we may help one another in times of trial (4:7-11) and how we should view our sufferings for Christ's sake (4:12-19).

**Lesson aim: To know how to keep our behavior excellent when we are suffering as a Christian.**

### **Excelling in persecution (cont.)--1 Pet. 4:1-7**

1. With what purpose should we arm ourselves?
2. We may suffer in the flesh because we have ceased from what? Those who become Christians intend to live their lives according to what? (v. 2)
3. List and define the sins that Peter says Christians should no longer practice. (v. 3)
4. What did Peter say caused his readers to be maligned (or spoken against)?
5. How did Peter urge them to live in view of the "end of all things"?

### **Excelling in persecution (How Christians may help each other)--1 Pet. 4:8-11**

1. How should Christians feel about one another? What will love cause them to do?
2. What do God's people need to practice among themselves? With what attitude?
3. What should Christians do with the gifts they have received from God? Who is to be glorified in all of our actions?

**Excelling in persecution (Responding properly to persecution)-  
-1 Pet. 4:12-19**

1. Should Christians view persecution as a strange thing or be surprised that they experience it? What rather should they do? (v. 13)
2. What does Peter say about those who are reviled for the name of Christ?
3. For what things should a Christian not suffer? If one suffers as a Christian what should he do?
4. Peter saw persecution as a means of what against God's household? (v. 17) If God judges his people's sin, will he not more severely deal with those who are disobedient to the gospel and are godless? (v. 17-18)
5. What does Peter then affirm that Christians should do in persecution?