

# 1 Peter 4:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

## Analysis

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Peter pronounces blessing on persecuted believers. God's Spirit rests upon persecuted believers with special presence. Suffering for Christ brings blessing unavailable in comfort.

## Historical Context

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Peter pronounces blessing on sufferers. Promise of Spirit's special presence encouraged martyrs. Early church saw martyrdom as supreme witness.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How can persecution be blessed rather than tragic?

## 2. What divine presence accompanies suffering for Christ?

### Interlinear Text

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εἰ	ὀνειδίζεσθε	ἐν	ὀνόματι	Χριστοῦ	μακάριοι	ὅτι			
If	ye be reproached	for	the name	of Christ	happy	are ye for			
G1487	G3679	G1722	G3686	G5547	G3107	G3754			
τὸ	τῆς	δόξης	καὶ	τὸ	τοῦ	θεοῦ	πνεῦμα	ἐφ'	ὑμᾶς
G3588	G3588	of glory	and	G3588	G3588	of God	the spirit	upon	you
		G1391	G2532			G2316	G4151	G1909	G5209
ἀναπαύεται	κατὰ	μὲν	αὐτοὺς	βλασφημεῖται,	κατὰ	δὲ			
resteth	on	G3303	their part	he is evil spoken of	on	but			
G373	G2596		G846	G987	G2596	G1161			
ὑμᾶς	δοξάζεται								
you	he is glorified								
G5209	G1392								

### Additional Cross-References

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**1 Peter 3:14** (Parallel theme): But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

**Luke 6:22** (Evil): Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

**Matthew 5:11** (Evil): Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

**James 1:12** (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**Psalms 146:5** (References God): Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

**1 Peter 3:16** (Evil): Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

**2 Corinthians 12:10** (References Christ): Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

**John 15:21** (Parallel theme): But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

**Isaiah 51:7** (Evil): Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

**Acts 13:45** (Parallel theme): But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.