

1 Peter 4:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed;
but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Analysis

Peter encourages suffering for Christian identity. Don't feel disgraced about Christian identity. Suffering for Christ glorifies God more than comfort.

Historical Context

Believers embraced Christian as identity marker. Early martyrs boldly confessed Christian identity. Modern application: openly identify with Christ.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How can suffering for Christian identity glorify God?
2. What does glorifying God through persecution mean?

Interlinear Text

εἰ	δὲ	ὥς	Χριστιανός	μὴ	αἰσχυνέσθω		
if	Yet	any man suffer as	a Christian	not	be ashamed		
G1487	G1161	G5613	G5546	G3361	G153		
δοξαζέτω	δὲ	τὸν	θεὸν	ἐν	τῷ	μέρει	τούτῳ
let him glorify	Yet	G3588	God	on	G3588	behalf	this
G1392	G1161		G2316	G1722		G3313	G5129

Additional Cross-References

Philippians 1:29 (References Christ): For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

1 Peter 4:19 (References God): Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Acts 5:41 (Parallel theme): And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

2 Timothy 1:12 (Parallel theme): For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Isaiah 50:7 (References God): For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

Philippians 1:20 (References Christ): According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Isaiah 24:15 (References God): Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

Isaiah 54:4 (Parallel theme): Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the

shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Acts 26:28 (References Christ): Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Acts 11:26 (References Christ): And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

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