

1 Peter Series

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Standing in Grace: What Kind of Judgment?

1 Peter 4:17–19



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

**1. Reproached for the name of Christ,
1 Peter 4:14; Suffering as a Christian,
1 Peter 4:16**

1 Pet. 4:14, “If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”

1 Pet. 4:16, “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.”

2. Those who cause them to suffer (1 Pet. 4:14), who “try you” (1 Peter 4:12), are the ones who “vilify, blaspheme, speak evil of” in 1 Pet. 4:4. This is the “fiery” trial.

1 Pet. 4:4, “So they are astonished when you do not rush with them into the same flood of wickedness, and they vilify you.

1 Pet. 4:5, “They will face a reckoning [make recompense] before Jesus Christ who stands ready to judge the living and the dead.” (NET)

3. The believer's response is described in 1 Peter 4:7–11

- **Be self-controlled and objective in your prayers, 4:7**
- **Keeping fervent in your love for one another, 4:8**
- **Show hospitality for one another (i.e., taking care of one another) without complaining, 4:9**
- **Serve one another as good stewards of grace, 4:10**
- **Speak and serve so as to glorify Christ, even in times of testing, 4:11**

4. Conclusion: Don't be surprised at opposition, rejection, and ridicule, but rejoice.

**5. But when you are ridiculed
(*blasphemed*), as in 1 Peter 4:4, 5, which
is connected to 1 Peter 4:14 in the TR
and MajT [i.e., KJV, NKJV]**

6. So the context is about the believers glorifying God in the midst of the suffering, with a view toward the future accountability of those who have ridiculed and persecuted them.

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Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter, Because the time has come for judgment to begin from the house of God;

1 Pet. 4:17, “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

Questions

1. What is the significance of the “For”?
2. What is the sense of *kairos*, time of, or period of?
3. What is the meaning of “judgment” (*krima*)?
4. *Krima*, judgment or verdict?
5. What kind of infinitive is ἄρξασθαι? What is the purpose of the genitive article?
6. What do the prepositions, *apo*, mean?

- 6. What is the significance of vs. 18 quoted from Prov. 11:31?**

- 7. What is the significance of the conclusion in 1 Peter 4:19?**

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1 Pet. 2:5, “you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Tim. 3:15, “but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

Heb. 3:6, “but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.”

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Acts 26:19, “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,”

1 Tim. 1:13, “although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.”

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Prov. 11:31, “If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner.” (NKJV)

Prov. 11:31, “If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!” (NASB)

1 Pet. 4:19, “Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.”