

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS

A NEW ME, NOW WHAT?



JOSE NIETO JR

Copyright © 2025 Jose Nieto Jr. All rights reserved.

No part of this book may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means—electronic, mechanical, photocopy, recording, or otherwise—without the prior written permission of the publisher and author, except for brief quotations in printed reviews or critical articles.

The author respects the rights of all referenced works and/or trademarks used herein, and makes no claim to them. Any trademarks referenced in this work are the property of their respective owners.

This book is a work of the author's experience and perspective, shared in good faith. The author and publisher disclaim any liability, in whole or in part, for any loss or damage arising from use or reliance on the contents of this work. Individual reader discretion is advised.

For permissions, inquiries, or more information, please contact: info@josenietojr.com

To the Divine Love that transformed my life,

This book is dedicated to the One who called me out of darkness into His marvelous light, to the lover of my soul, my Lord Jesus Christ, whose love and guidance have been the bedrock of my journey - this is a testament to Your unending grace, mercy and lovingkindness My King! I love You!

To my wife Janette, bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, who has walked this path with me, your support and faith have been my strength. This journey is not just mine but ours, shared in every word written and every lesson learned. I love you!

And to you, the reader, who seeks light in times of darkness, may these pages serve as a beacon of hope and a reminder that you are never alone in your journey. This book is a tribute to the transformative power of faith and the unbreakable bond between a soul and its Creator.

May you encounter His presence as you read this book and may your life never be the same in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

*In Christ Jesus,
Jose Nieto Jr.*



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the family of God!

Deciding to follow Jesus Christ is the most important decision you will ever make. This journey is more than a lifestyle choice, *it's a whole new life*. When you confessed Jesus as Lord with all your heart, believed in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and repented of your sins, you became a new creation (Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17). You've been born again in the Spirit, transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:13).

This book is designed to help you understand your new birth in Christ and to walk with you as you begin your lifelong discipleship journey. It will give you essential biblical principles, offer insights on spiritual growth, and provide practical steps to help you grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus.

Above all, remember that Jesus is at the center. He is the One who saves, redeems, and invites us into this transformative journey. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you as you embark on this new life in Christ!



YOU ARE NOW BORN AGAIN

A Fresh Start: Being “born again” means you have a clean slate before God (2 Corinthians 5:17). Your old life has been crucified with Christ, and you now live by faith in the Son of God (Galatians 2:20). It is no longer you who lives, but Christ now lives in You!

Sealed with the Holy Spirit: At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you (Ephesians 1:13). He is your Comforter, Guide, and Teacher, leading you into all truth (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit was a promise from Jesus to us, the Holy Spirit was sent to dwell in you for the purpose of leading you and keeping you in truth by conviction and helping you in your weaknesses. Depend on the Holy Spirit to grow closer to God.

Walking in Repentance: Repentance is not a one-time event; it’s a lifestyle. As you learn and mature, the Holy Spirit will reveal areas in your life that need change. Continual repentance keeps you aligned with God’s will and keeps you growing in understanding of God’s Word. **Living by Grace:** You are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8–9). Grace empowers you to live a life pleasing to God. You do not earn God’s love or salvation; He freely gives it.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEW BIRTH

To Understand Your new birth you need some background on how we got to this point. In the very beginning, God created the whole universe and called it “very good” (Genesis 1:31). Part of this perfect creation was Adam and Eve, made in God’s image so they could know Him closely and reflect His character (Genesis 1:27). At first, they lived in a perfect relationship with God, no pain, no sin, and no distance between them.

Unfortunately, they chose to listen to satan’s lie (Genesis 3), in which they were to not touch or eat from the forbidden tree of knowledge of good and evil, but they listened to satan and that one act of disobedience changed everything damaging and destroying the race of humanity. Sin and death entered the world, damaging our connection with God and affecting every generation since then. But even when we turned away, God didn’t give up on us.

To fix what was broken, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins and clearing away the guilt that keeps us from God by the shedding of His blood. When He rose again, He showed that *death is*

not the end! There's eternal life with God waiting for anyone who believes. This is the heart of salvation: God's plan to rescue us, restore our relationship with Him, and invite us into a life that will last forever with Him.

A Spiritual Transformation: Jesus taught that to enter the Kingdom of God, you must be born of water and the Spirit (John 3:3–5). This “new birth” is not merely a symbolic idea; it's a real change in your heart and spirit. Through Christ's sacrifice, you are set free from sin, and the Holy Spirit now dwells in you. In other words, in Him, now we can overcome sin!

From Darkness to Light: The Bible describes unbelievers as walking in darkness (Ephesians 5:8). When you received Jesus, you stepped into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). This means your spiritual eyes are opened, you have now been translated from a kingdom of darkness into a kingdom of light and you can now begin to walk in the ways, instructions, principles and commands of God!

Your Identity Has Changed,: When you become born again, you are no longer defined by your past or your sins. You are now a child of God (John 1:12).

This new identity forms the foundation for your new walk with Jesus. It says, you are no longer from this world, but now live as an ambassador, a representative of the Kingdom of God!

Why This Matters, Understanding your new birth shapes your perspective on life, relationships, and purpose. You are called to walk in righteousness and to bear fruit that reflects the nature of Christ (Galatians 5:22–23).

Your new birth is not just a moment, it is the beginning of a brand-new life. You were created by God, redeemed through Christ, and transformed by the Holy Spirit. You have stepped out of darkness and into His marvelous light. You now carry a new identity, a new purpose, and a new power to walk as a child of God.

Never forget: you are no longer who you were. You are who God says you are, born again, made new, and called to shine as a representative of His Kingdom!



WATER BAPTISM

Symbol of Your New Life: Water baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality (Romans 6:3–4). When you go under the water, it symbolizes your old life being buried with Christ; when you come out, you rise to walk in the new life He has given you! We are commanded by Jesus to make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit! Jesus Himself was baptized (Matthew 3:13–17) and instructed His followers to baptize new disciples (Matthew 28:19). By being baptized, you follow His command and publicly declare your faith.

Obedience to Christ: Baptism is an act of obedience. It doesn't save you, faith in Jesus does that, but it demonstrates your commitment to follow Him. It's a powerful testimony to others and a significant milestone in your spiritual journey. The old you washes away as you join Him in His resurrection!

What to Expect: Your church leaders or mentors will guide you through the baptism process. Prepare your heart in prayer, thank God for your new life, and celebrate the day as a marker of your transformation in Christ.



THE SECRET PLACE & PRAYER

The Importance of Intimacy with God: Jesus often withdrew to solitary places to pray (Luke 5:16). He modeled the necessity of spending time alone with God. This “secret place” is where your relationship with Him deepens. He instructs us to do the same. He commanded us to go into our closet and call unto God Our Heavenly Father! (Matt.6:6)

Developing a Prayer Life: Prayer is simply communicating with God. There are many forms of approach to God such as: thanksgiving, praise, worship, adoration, confession, and supplication, which are all ways to build intimacy. Start your day seeking Him, and maintain an ongoing conversation throughout your existence while here on earth.

Personal Devotion and Scripture Study: Combine prayer with reading the Bible. The Holy Spirit illuminates God’s Word, helping you to understand and apply it (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Journaling your thoughts can also help you process and remember God’s revelations. It is in this place that you also learn to hear the voice of God, He will speak to you, only be patient and wait on Him! I remember the more I read about Him through His word, the more I experienced and encountered Him!



THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

What Is Discipleship?: Discipleship means becoming a student or follower of Jesus by learning His ways, instructions, teachings, commands, and imitating His character (Luke 6:40). When you do this, you learn the ways of the Kingdom of God and will begin to walk as He walked upon the earth.

Deny Yourself and Follow Him: Jesus said, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me” (Luke 9:23). This call requires turning from selfish ways and embracing His will, no matter the cost. There are so many things that will come to discourage and to tempt you to stop, the biggest one being your flesh and your past, the way you used to do things, you can read more about this in Romans Ch. 6, 7 & 8. I remind you that this is a daily journey!

Counting the Cost: Genuine discipleship involves sacrifice. You may face rejection, persecution, or misunderstandings. But remember, Jesus promises eternal rewards and His abiding presence (Matthew 28:20). This new life is a lifelong journey, true discipleship does not end after a class or a ceremony. It’s a process that continues throughout your entire life as you become more like Christ (Romans 8:29).



EMBRACING THE FIRST AND SECOND COMMANDMENTS

The Greatest Commandments: Jesus summarized all the Law and Prophets in two commandments: #1 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind,” and #2 “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37–40). We must Love to prove we are His children!

Loving God Wholeheartedly: To love God is to treasure Him above all else. This love grows as you spend time in prayer, worship, and the Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir up greater affection for God in your heart. It is the Holy Spirit that sheds God’s love into your heart. The more you seek Him, the greater your love and affection will grow for Him and loving others will become natural to you. Causing you to show kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, even to those who hurt you. True Christian love reflects the love Jesus showed on the cross for you and me!

What Is Love?: Love suffers long, love is patient, kind, not envious or boastful, and is not easily provoked, does not think evil, rejoices in truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things, love never fails!



THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Promise: The Holy Spirit is real and was sent by God after Jesus ascended into Heaven. He is the spirit of God sent by God for you and me. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him, neither knows Him: but you know him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you.” Also in Luke 24:49 “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but wait in the city of Jerusalem, until you have been endued with power from on high!”. How powerful is that? This is for you and me today, He hasn’t changed!

His Role in Your Life: The Holy Spirit will help you in many ways, He will shed God’s love into your heart, He will lead you into all truth, that means, you will know truth and that will keep you from error and deception. He will help you in your infirmities, that is the weakness of your mind and body. He will convict you of sin to help you stay on track and in relationship with God. He will not force Himself on you, you must yield and submit to His leading, so to stay in communion, obey His leading. He now dwells in you and your body is His temple!



NEXT STEPS FOR GROWTH

Regular Fellowship: Join a Bible-believing, Spirit led ministry where you can learn, serve, and grow. Ministry isn't just a building or house to meet; it's a community of believers who support one another and their goal is to make disciples by comforting them into the image of Jesus Christ!

Read Your Bible, It Will Renew Your Mind: God calls us to immerse ourselves in His Word. As we study the Bible, we not only show our dedication to Him but also renew our minds, just as Romans 12 instructs. This deep, transformative process engraves His teachings in our hearts, shaping us into what He created us to be, we transform into his image, becoming the sons of God!

Accountability and Mentorship: Seek out mature Christians who can mentor you. Accountability relationships help you stay on track, address struggles, and deepen your walk. You cannot do it alone!

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts: Every believer is given spiritual gifts to serve and build up the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:7). Ask God to reveal and develop these gifts in you for His glory.



THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Understanding the Battle: As a new believer, you have an enemy who wants to draw you back into sin and spiritual darkness. Satan and his forces oppose God's purposes (1 Peter 5:8). Recognize that the Christian life is a battleground, especially in the mind. Don't allow anyone to tell you otherwise. This is a reality that has to be known in order to overcome so many things in this new life in Christ Jesus!

Equipped with God's Armor: Ephesians 6:10–18 describes the “armor of God”: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit (the Word of God). Clothe yourself in this armor daily and do not shy away from it, your growth depends on it! (Colossians 2:15), (James 4:7).

The Power of the Word and Prayer; Jesus overcame the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture (Matthew 4:1–11). Study God's Word, hide it in your heart, and use it to resist the enemy. Prayer is also a potent weapon that breaks strongholds in the mind and strengthens your faith! The devil is a defeated foe and you must be convinced of that truth when things begin to arise!



BUILDING A STRONG SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION

Grounded and Rooted in the Word: The Bible is God's blueprint for living. Study it daily, thinking deeply on it, and applying it to your life (Psalm 119:105). It is how you get to know God. His word in You will produce light and understanding (Psalm 119: 130). The more you read, the more you will encounter Him.

Prayer and Worship: Develop a consistent daily prayer life and heart of thanksgiving, worship and praise toward God. These practices draw you closer to God and strengthen your faith. Listen to songs that exalt God, songs that help you adore Him.

Guard Your Mind: Your mind is a spiritual battlefield. Thoughts will come from everywhere to discourage and cause you to walk away from God, so you must be careful to what thoughts to yield to, we must take them captive, resist and reject them (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Fellowship and Community: Spiritual growth does not happen in isolation. Build relationships with other believers who will encourage, correct, rebuke and edify you, those that will tell you the truth no matter what!



PERSEVERANCE AND ENDURANCE

Trials & Sufferings Will Come: The Christian life is marked by trials and suffering (James 1:2–4). These challenges are opportunities to grow in character, faith, patience. Do not find it strange when it comes, but rejoice for you are on the right path (1 Peter 4:12–13).

Run the Race: The Apostle Paul likened the Christian life to a race. To finish well, you must run with endurance, fixing your eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith! (Hebrews 12:1–2). Remember no matter what you push and you keep going, He will not abandoned you no matter what it feels like! We walk by faith knowing He is leading us.

Hope in Suffering: Suffering can refine and purify our faith (1 Peter 1:6–7). It also draws us closer to God's heart. Lean on the Holy Spirit, who comforts you in times of weakness and pain (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).

Encouragement from the Body of Christ: Regular prayer and fellowship with other believers provides the encouragement and accountability you need to persevere and grow (Hebrews 10:24–25). You cannot walk this walk alone, you must walk alongside other believers for true growth! It is how God designed it!



LIVING OUT YOUR NEW IDENTITY

A Child of God: You are no longer defined by your past sins or failures. Your identity is rooted in Christ (Galatians 2:20). Live with confidence, knowing you are loved and accepted by God. You have been adopted now into sonship, crying out Abba Father, God is now your Heavenly Father! (Ephesians 1:5) He says, I will be their father and they will be My Sons and Daughters (2 Corinthians 6:18).

Walking in the Spirit: Cultivate a lifestyle of walking in the Spirit by being sensitive to His leading (Romans 8:14), turning away from sin, and practicing spiritual disciplines (Galatians 5:16–18), also read Romans Chapters 6, 7 & 8 in your bible).

Bear Fruit and Live a Life Worthy of the Call: Your new identity in Christ should produce fruit such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23). These traits reflect Jesus' nature in you. You must also now live a life worthy of the call with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; try hard to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3). **Use dictionary for word definitions.*

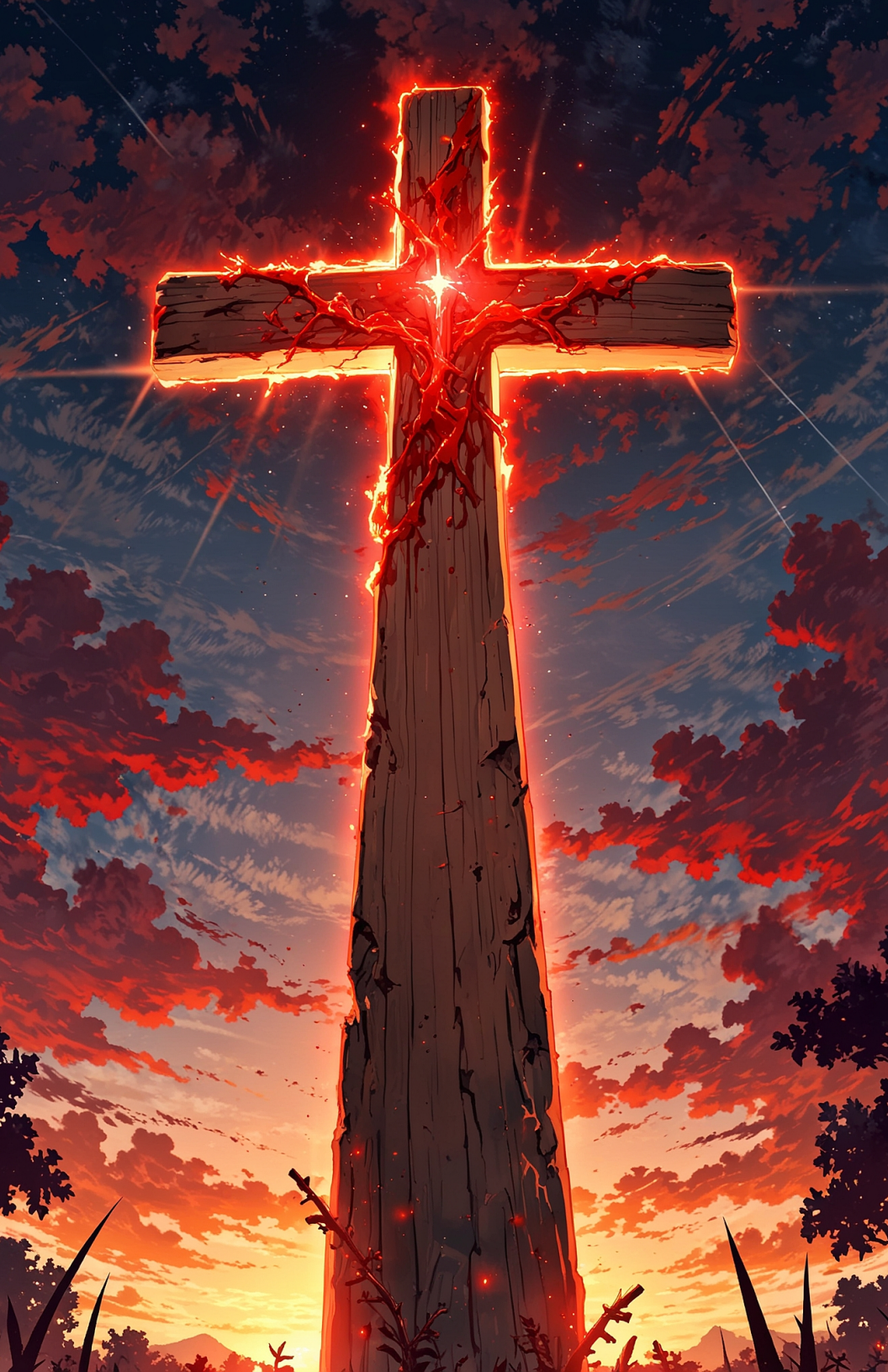


LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

The Great Commission: Jesus commanded His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Sharing the gospel is part of your new identity in Christ. Someone needs to hear your story, you are now a burning light and the world must see and know about it, so I challenge you to share the Gospel with everyone, they are waiting!

Living the Gospel: Evangelism is not just about words; it’s about a lifestyle. Let your transformed life shine as a testimony of God’s power and grace (Matthew 5:16). You cannot keep your new life hidden, there was a samaritan woman that was visited by Jesus, once she encountered Him, she went back into her city telling everyone! Read the story in John 4:7-42.

Boldness Through the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit empowers you to be a witness (Acts 1:8). Pray for boldness and opportunities to share your faith, trusting the Spirit to guide your words. Start with those closest to you such as friends, family, coworkers. Share what Christ has done in your life. Share your story. Be patient, loving, and genuine, leaving the results to God for some plant and some water, but God gives the increase!



THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Redemption Through the Blood: The Bible teaches that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins” (Hebrews 9:22). Jesus’ death on the cross paid the penalty for our sins once and for all (1 Peter 2:24). We are now cleansed from our past by the blood of Jesus! Your past may keep coming up, but it no longer identifies you!

Cleansed and Made Righteous: The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7). This means you stand before God without guilt or shame, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Let that truth sink in, think upon it deeply!

Overcoming by the Blood and Testimony: Revelation 12:11 says believers “overcame him [the enemy] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.” Keep testifying about what Jesus has done in your life, and trust in His finished work.

Continual Access to God: Because of Jesus’ shed blood, you have bold access to the Holy of Holies and to the Father’s throne of grace (Hebrews 10:19),(Hebrews 4:16). When you stumble, repent quickly and remember that Jesus’ blood is sufficient!

CONCLUSION

Your journey with Jesus is only just beginning. As a new creation, you are now part of God's eternal Kingdom, called to follow His ways and become more like Christ each day. This path will include challenges, suffering, and spiritual battles—but it will also be filled with abundant joy, hope, and the steadfast love of God.

Continue to prioritize discipleship:

- **Stay** in the Secret Place.
- **Stay rooted** in the Word.
- **Remain steadfast** in prayer.
- **Abide** in fellowship with other believers.
- **Press on** in faith during trials.
- **Share** the gospel whenever you can.

May this guide serve as a foundational resource, but never forget that your ultimate source of life and truth is Jesus Christ Himself. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you (James 4:8).

Rely on the Holy Spirit, walk in obedience, and let your life be a beacon of God's transforming grace in this world!

BONUS - WILL I STILL SUFFER NOW AS A CHRISTIAN?

Suffering is a universal human experience. However, **Scripture** teaches us there is a **holy purpose** in the trials we endure when we place our trust in **Jesus Christ**. In **1 Peter 4**, the apostle Peter calls believers to embrace suffering with the same mindset Christ had—knowing that through it, we draw closer to God, break the power of sin in our lives, and bring glory to our **Savior**.

This book unpacks Peter's message to Christians who face insults, opposition, and persecution. From shaping our attitudes to stirring us to action, the lessons of **1 Peter 4** challenge us to stand firm in faith, let go of our old ways, and allow God to refine us.

The Mind of Christ in Suffering

"Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too." (1 Peter 4:1)

Christ's Willingness: Jesus chose the path of the cross, setting an example for us. He was not shocked by suffering; He expected it.

Our Readiness: We are called to prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually for hardship. Suffering for righteousness refines our character.

Victory Over Sin: Peter notes that when our bodies suffer for doing right, sin loses its hold. Choosing Christ over comfort means freedom from sin's power (Romans 6:6–7).

Adopt a kingdom mindset: Focus on eternal gains over immediate relief. Ask God for courage to face trials without giving in to resentment or fear.

Breaking from Sinful Habits

"You have had enough in the past of the evil things the godless enjoy... Of course, your former friends will be very surprised when you don't eagerly join them anymore..." (vv. 3-4)

A New Lifestyle: Coming to Christ means leaving behind former ungodly behaviors—partying, lust, or anything that takes God's place in our hearts.

Surprise and Scorn: Friends or family may mock the changes in our lives, but remember we now live to please God, not people (Galatians 1:10).

Holiness vs. Popularity: True discipleship often costs us acceptance in certain circles, but we gain a deeper walk with Jesus.

Examine areas of life still tied to old habits or peer pressure. Seek God's strength to stand firm when others ridicule your faith.

God's Righteous Judgment

"They must face the Judge of all, living and dead; they will be punished for the way they have lived."
(v. 5)

God's Authority: He is the Judge over both the living and the dead, and His judgment is always just.

Accountability: Each person will answer for their actions. Those who scorn believers and refuse Christ will not escape judgment.

Hope for All: Peter reminds us the Good News was preached so that even those who have died could share in God's life, pointing to the power of the gospel for everyone.

Keep an eternal perspective: God sees and rewards faithfulness. Trust God's justice instead of taking revenge (Romans 12:19).

Living with Urgency

"The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore be earnest, thoughtful men of prayer." (v. 7)

Eternal Timetable: No one knows the exact time of Christ's return, but we live ready for it, awake to spiritual realities (Matthew 24:42–44).

Serious Prayer: Recognize the times we live in; pray with focus and diligence.

Clarity of Mind: Avoid distractions that dull spiritual sensitivity; stay alert in prayer and service.

Set aside daily time for earnest prayer. Let the urgency of Christ's return motivate your devotion and purity.

Deep Love and Hospitality

"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many of your faults. Cheerfully share your home..." (vv. 8–9)

Primacy of Love: Love is the hallmark of true Christian living (John 13:35). It covers offenses and keeps relationships healthy.

Practical Hospitality: Opening your home, sharing meals, and providing for needs display God's grace in a tangible way.

Cheerful Service: Heart attitude matters to God. Serve others with genuine joy.

Look for ways to tangibly show kindness, especially to those in need. Practice empathy and openness, welcoming people into your space and life.

Using Your Gifts for God's Glory

"God has given each of you some special abilities... Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you..." (vv. 10-11)

Diverse Gifts: Each believer is uniquely equipped with spiritual gifts—teaching, serving, encouraging, leading, etc. (Romans 12:6–8).

Purpose of Gifts: We use them to strengthen the Church and help others, not to build our own egos.

Empowered Service: Rely on God's strength, not your own, so He receives glory.

Identify your spiritual gifts and put them to work for God.

Serve wholeheartedly, trusting God for energy and wisdom.

Embrace the Fire

"Don't be bewildered or surprised when you go through the fiery trials... Instead, be really glad..."
(vv. 12-13)

Fiery Trials: Hardship and persecution are part of normal Christian experience; they refine our faith (James 1:2-4).

Shared Sufferings with Christ: We become "partners" with Christ in His suffering, drawing closer to Him.
Future Joy: God promises that our trials will be eclipsed by joy when Christ's glory is fully revealed (Romans 8:18).

Thank God in hard times, knowing He purifies and matures your faith. Reflect on Jesus' own sufferings to find courage and perspective.

Suffer for the Right Reasons

“Be happy if you are cursed and insulted for being a Christian... Don’t let me hear of your suffering for murdering or stealing...” (vv. 14-15)

Blessed in Persecution: Insults and opposition for Christ’s sake bring a special blessing—God’s Spirit rests on you.

Avoid Needless Trouble: There’s no merit in suffering for wrongdoing. Righteous suffering is different; it testifies to Christ’s power.

Honor in the Name of Jesus: Bearing Christ’s name is a privilege; suffering for Him is never wasted.

Check your motives and actions to ensure suffering arises from faithfulness, not wrongdoing.

When facing ridicule for your faith, stand firm in your identity as a beloved child of God.

The Refining of God’s Household

“For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin first among God’s own children...” (v. 17)

Divine Discipline: God refines His people first, purifying our hearts (Hebrews 12:6–7).

God's Standards: He holds believers to a high standard because we know His truth.

Serious Consequences: If even Christians face judgment, the reality of eternal separation is far more dire for those who reject the gospel.

Let adversity drive you to repentance and renewal, rather than bitterness.

Live in reverence, knowing the One who calls you is holy (1 Peter 1:15–16).

Trusting the Faithful Creator

"So if you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you."
(v. 19)

God's Will in Suffering: Sometimes it is God's plan for us to walk through pain for His greater purpose. Steadfast Obedience: We are called to keep doing what's right, regardless of opposition or personal cost.

God's Faithfulness: He created us; He knows our limits and has promised never to abandon us (Hebrews 13:5). Recommit your life to God's care daily.

Let trust in God's goodness guide every decision, especially in times of suffering.

CONCLUSION:

Christ Is Our Hope and Strength

We see throughout 1 Peter 4 that suffering for Christ is not a mark of failure, but of faithfulness. It draws us closer to Jesus, strips away sinful tendencies, and displays God's power in us. The One who suffered, died, and rose again has promised to sustain us and bring us safely to His eternal kingdom (2 Timothy 4:18).

When you face trials, whether rejection from old friends, insults at school or work, or any challenge that comes with standing for Christ, remember you are not alone. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you (Romans 8:11). Keep your eyes on the cross, where suffering turned to resurrection power. God is faithful, and He will use every challenge to shape your character, deepen your love, and ultimately bring glory to Jesus Christ.

"So if you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you." (1 Peter 4:19)

Additional Scriptures to Reflect On:

- ❖ Romans 5:3–4 Suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope.
- ❖ James 1:2–4 Trials test our faith, leading us to maturity.
- ❖ Hebrews 12:6–7 The Lord disciplines those He loves.
- ❖ Matthew 5:10–12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.
- ❖ Isaiah 53 – The prophecy of Christ's suffering for our salvation.

Final Encouragement

Whatever suffering you face, remember that it is not the end of your story. In Christ, suffering refines and strengthens. May these chapters from 1 Peter 4 embolden your heart, draw you closer to the Savior, and remind you that, as you share in His sufferings, you will also share in His glory.

Get in Touch

Thank you for joining us on this transformative journey! We'd love to hear from you, learn about your experiences, and continue growing together in faith. Whether you have a question, need encouragement, or simply want to share your story, we're here for you.

Follow Us or Contact us on Social Media:

Join our vibrant community for daily inspiration, updates, and discussions:

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/jnietojr
- **Instagram:** [instagram.com/jnietojrwe](https://www.instagram.com/jnietojrwe)
- **Email:** info@josenietojr.com

Your voice matters, and we can't wait to journey alongside you. Stay connected, keep the faith, and remember: we're all in this together!