Northwest Bible Church - Dec. 26, 2021 - 1 Peter - Alan Conner

**1 Peter 4:15-19**

*Trusting God*

Intro

**A. DON’T BE ASHAMED OF SUFFERING FOR CHRIST (1 Peter 4:15-16).**

 1. Don’t suffer as a result of sin (1 Peter 4:15).

 2. Don’t be ashamed for suffering as a Christian (1 Peter 4:16).

 3. Glorify God (1 Peter 4:16).

**B. JUDGMENT BEGINS WITH US, BUT ENDS WITH UNBELIEVERS (1 Peter 4:17-18).**

 1. The judgment of believers (1 Peter 4:17a).

 a. This judgment is purifying.

 b. The church is God’s temple, “the household of God” -

 2. The judgment of unbelievers (1 Peter 4:17b).

 3. The confirmation of Scripture (1 Peter 4:18). Peter loosely quotes Prov. 11:31 (LXX).

 a. The righteous are saved with difficulty.

 b. The godless and sinner will be doomed.

**C. WHEN SUFFERING ENTRUST YOUR SOULS TO GOD (1 Peter 4:19).**

 1. Suffer according to the will of God.

 2. Entrust your souls to a faithful Creator.

Conclusion