

Sermon Notes – July 9, 2023

The Purpose of God (*1 Peter 4:12-19*)

- I. To teach His children the normal Christian life. (*Vs. 12*)
 - A. Expect trials in your life.
 - 1. Study the life of Jesus.
 - B. Expect testing of your faith.
 - 1. Read your Bible!

- II. To teach His children the abnormal reaction to life. (*Vss. 13-16*)
 - A. Rejoice in sharing the sufferings of Christ.
 - 1. Experience God's glory through His presence.
 - a. Peter and John in Acts.
 - b. Daniel and the three Hebrew men in Daniel.
 - B. Rejoice in seeing the return of Christ.
 - 1. Experience God's glory at His return.
 - a. The expectation of Paul.
 - b. The exaltation of Revelation.

- III. To teach His children the activity of life. (*Vss. 17-19*)
 - A. The purifying of the church.
 - 1. The judgment of purging.
 - 2. The purpose of discipline.
 - B. The salvation of the church.
 - 1. The deposit of trust.
 - 2. The result of faith.