

LESSON 7
REJECTED
1 PETER 4:12–19



1 What is one example of an exclusive club?

2 For what reasons might a person be rejected from membership in that club?



Read 1 Peter 4:12–19 and the following notes:

☐ 4:14–16 ☐ 4:16 ☐ 4:19

3 Why do Christians face opposition to their faith (4:12, 13)?

4 What happens to people who are insulted or opposed because of their faith in Christ (4:14)?

5 How does God want his people to respond to opposition (4:19)?

Peter wrote this letter largely because Christians were facing opposition to their faith and would soon suffer even more. Their faith was new and was misunderstood by many people. Even Christians' own family members sometimes harassed them. For these steadfast Christians, it was good news to hear that God blesses those who suffer for identifying with Christ. Though following Christ may not always bring violent opposition, it often brings rejection. Family members, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and others may not understand your faith. Nevertheless, you should commit yourself to God. It is his opinion of you that ultimately matters.



6 Why do unbelievers sometimes reject or oppose Christians?

7 How does God bless Christians who are rejected for identifying themselves with Christ?

8 What enables a Christian to rejoice when insulted, rejected, or opposed for his/her faith?



9 Who opposes, rejects, or insults you because of your faith?

10 What problems arise when people oppose you?

11 What do you need to do to handle opposition or abuse from others?



12 In what setting might someone attack you for your faith in the next few weeks or months?

13 What could you do or say to that person in such a situation?

- A** How does God teach us through trials? How has God used trials to teach you? How can you respond to trials in a way that will help you learn from them?
- B** What mind-set enables a Christian to trust God during trials (4:19)? What will help you remember to trust God the next time you suffer unjustly?

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