



Dare to Suffer for What I Believe August 23, 2009

More than _____ Christians have been martyred since the crucifixion of Christ. 26 million have been martyred _____
_____.

PETER TELLS US HOW TO DEAL WITH _____
_____. "Don't be surprised and rejoice." *1 Peter 4:12-13*

1. It is not strange - If we are not tested, we are not _____
_____.
2. We are to rejoice - _____, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

HOW ON EARTH DOES PETER EVER COME TO THIS NEXT CONCLUSION? "You are blessed."
1 Peter 4:14-15

1. If you are insulted, _____!
2. How? The sackcloth and ashes *Job 42:12, 16-17*
 The sacrifice *Genesis 22:17-18*
 The ultimate sacrifice *Matthew 28:5-6*
3. God is in charge of the test, but He is also _____
_____.
4. The sufferer should be innocent, _____. (UH OH!!!) With God, there's never a promise without a condition.

HERE IS THE _____ *1 Peter 4:16-19*

1. Even in _____, He is faithful.
2. John, the Revelator, tries to tell us what it will be like.

What is ahead for us? No one can tell, but if a great persecution comes, Christians will be hunted like animals and slain. If it comes to you, remember, "To him that overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God."

Revelation 2:7, 1 Corinthians 2:9