

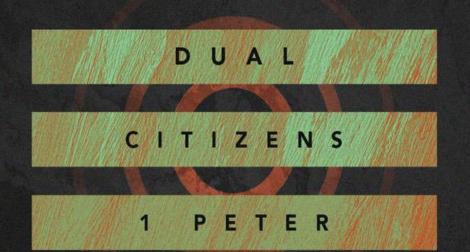


## Christian Suffering Hostility experienced in opposition to the declaration and demonstration of our faith.



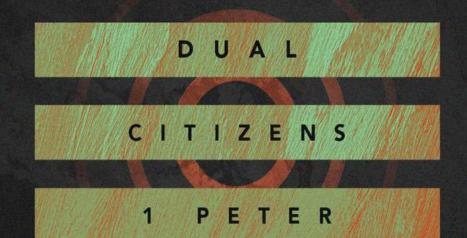


## 4 Keys to build FAITH through the FRES of Christian suffering.





# Key #1 Be Ready for the Fires.





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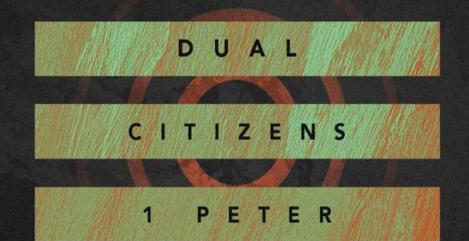
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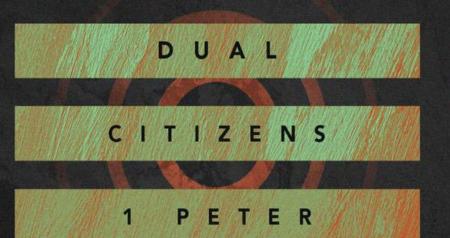


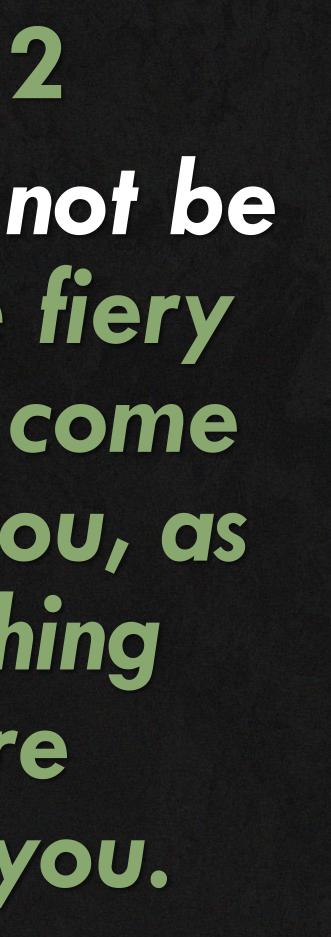
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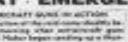
<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.



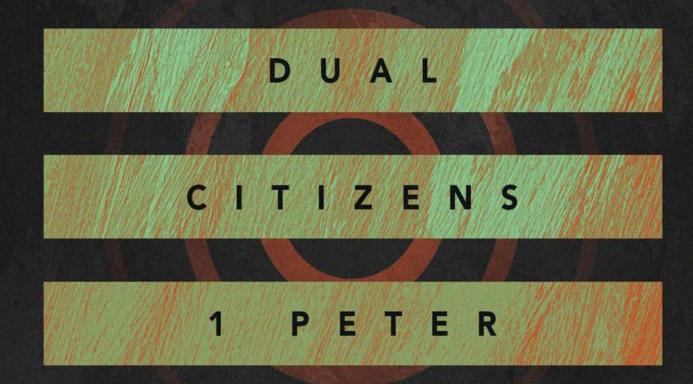


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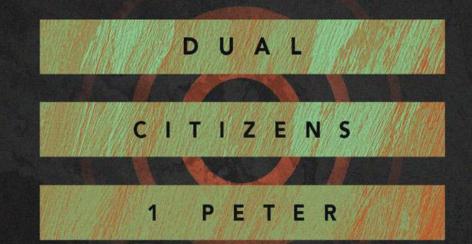








# Be ready to explain your hope.



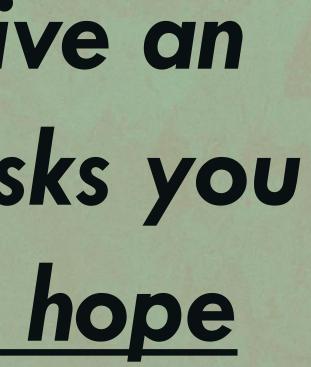


### 1 Peter 3:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

### 1 Peter 3:13-16 But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

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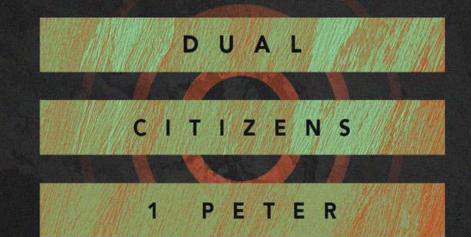


# Are you prepared to give an answer for your hope?





## Be Willing to Suffer for your Faith.





### 1 Peter 4:1-4

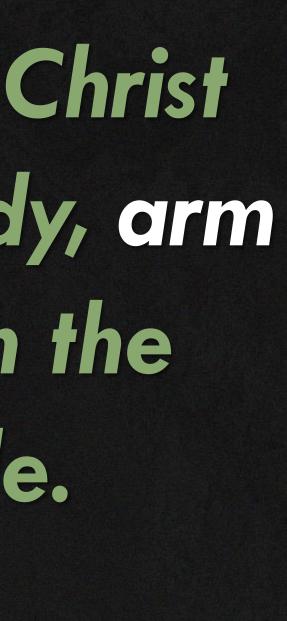
<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude. because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup>As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

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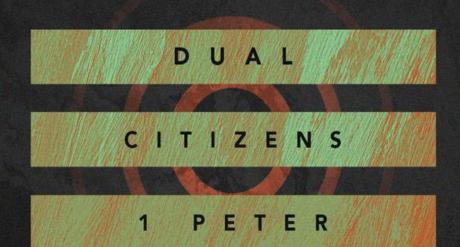
<sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do-living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <sup>4</sup> They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on

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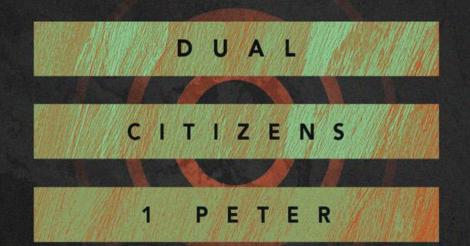


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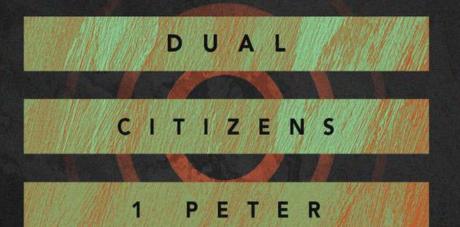




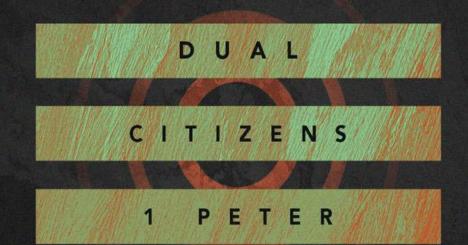
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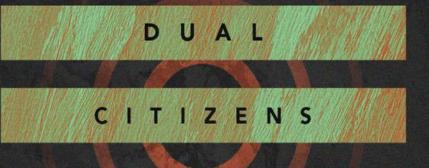
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## Key #3 **Embrace the Christian** Perspective on Suffering.

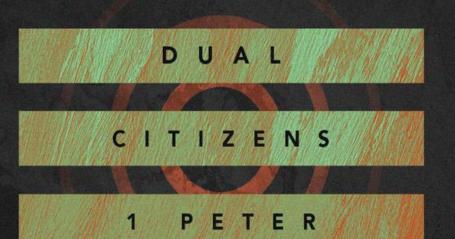


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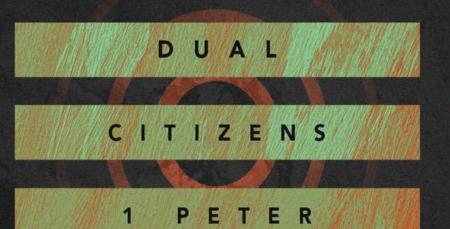


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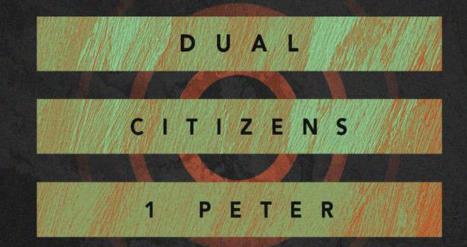
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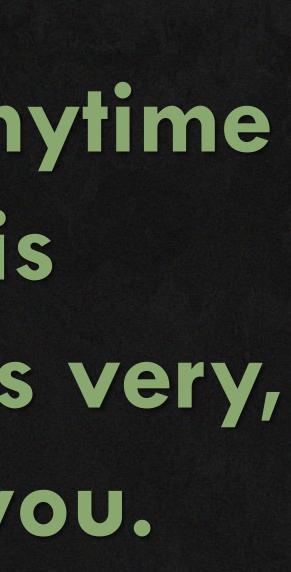
## "Fiery Ordeal" **Pureosis** = Refining Fire





## A fiery trial is anytime something is threatened that is very, very dear to you.





# God is in the midst of your suffering for your good... so rejoice!

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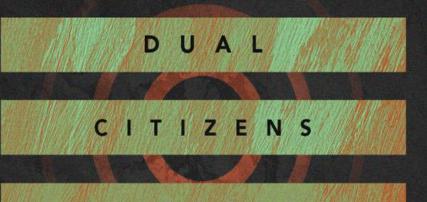
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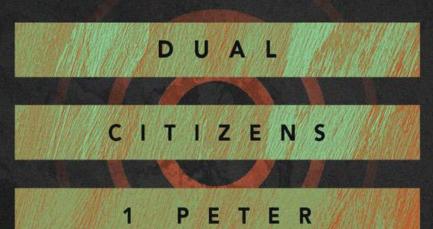


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1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

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