

# First Peter

## 1 Pet. 4:1-6

1 Pet. 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

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2 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Jn. 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. **If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;** if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Heb. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was **in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

b. The exhortation, 4:1 b “...arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;”

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Transliteration: hoplizó

Definition: I make ready, arm, equip.

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2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same **commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

3 Thou therefore **endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

Psa. 119:67 **Before I was afflicted I went astray:** but now have I kept thy word. ...

71 **It is good for me that I have been afflicted;** that I might learn thy statutes.

Prov. 3:12 For **whom the LORD loveth he correcteth;** even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Heb. 12:6 For **whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son** whom he receiveth.

11 Now **no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous**: nevertheless afterward it **yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness** unto them which are **exercised thereby**.

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross.

Heb. 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**;

Mt. 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.**

...

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.**

2. Fighting it victoriously, 4:2

1 Pet. 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

D. Suffering explained, 4:3-6

1. Man's depravity, 4:3



a. Our past life repudiated, 4:3a “For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles...”

Eph. 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye **henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,**

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But **ye have not so learned Christ;**

b. Our past life reviewed, 4:3b-c

(1) Its riotous abandon, 4:3b "...when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings..."

Rom. 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Gal. 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

(2) It religious abomination, 4:3c "...and abominable idolatries:"

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they **abstain from pollutions of idols**, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

1 Cor. 5:10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, **or with idolaters**; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you **not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be** a fornicator, or covetous, **or an idolater**, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Cor. 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry.**

1 Cor. 12:2 Ye know that **ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols**, even as ye were led.

2 Cor. 6:16 And **what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?** for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Col. 3:5 **Mortify therefore your members** which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness, which is idolatry:**

1 Jn. 5:21 Little children, **keep yourselves from idols.** Amen.

## 2. Man's distortions, 4:4

a. The surprised reaction of lost people to our new life in Christ, 4:4a “Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot...”

b. The slanderous reaction of lost people to our new life in Christ, 4:4b “...speaking evil of *you*.”

1 Jn. 3:10 In this **the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil**: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 **Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.**

Jn. 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, **lest his deeds should be reproved**.

3. Man's doom, 4:5-6

a. A word about the Judge, 4:5

1 Pet. 4:5 Who shall **give account to him** that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Heb. 9:27 And as it is **appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment**:

Rom. 14:12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God**.

Jn. 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath **committed all judgment unto the Son:**

b. A word about the judgment, 4:6

1 Pet. 4:6 For for this cause **was the gospel preached** also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

Eph. 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, **who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

Jn. 6:63 **It is the spirit that quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you**, *they* are spirit, and **they are life.**

Jn. 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

## Conclusion

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**