

Living For Christ In Difficult Times

1 Peter 4:1-6 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. 2 As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. 3 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. 4 They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. 5 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

You Must Live Defensively In this Wicked Time By Thinking What Christ Thought of Gospel Suffering

1. Think of the Reason for Christ's and Your Suffering - vs 1-2

Redemptive - Hebrews 12:2

Sanctified - Positionally - Rom 6:8 & 22 -

Definitively – vs. 1

Progressively – vs 2

2. Think of the Warnings and Assurances in What You Suffer

Comfort – vs 4 -

Warning – vs 3 - Rom 13:12-13

3. Think of the Justice Awaiting Those Who Make You suffer

Vindication vs. 5

Ps 73:6-9 & 17-19

Compassion – vs 5

Ps 51:12-13

4. Think of the Grace Awaiting You Who Also Deserve Their Justice. -

A 2nd Chance at a Second chance?

Joy – vs 6

Humility – WHY? 1 Peter 2:9-10

This must sustain us..... there is an end and it is glorious.....hang on

Next Week – 1 Peter 4:7-11 – The Proper Response to The End Times