

1 Peter 4: 1 - 19

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Ch 3: 13-22. **H. Godly Living**

Sanctify Christ

Put on Christ

Analogy between Noah and the flood
corresponding to baptism

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Ch 4: 1-19. **H. Godly Living** (continued)

Remain fervent in your Love vs 1-11

Share the sufferings of Christ vs 12-19

1. What did Peter say about the person who has suffered? What benefit can there be in suffering? ([4:1-2](#))

1 Peter 4:1-2

¹ Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

² so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

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Jesus Christ suffered persecution. He has shown us how to handle and conquer persecution.

- A. Arm yourself with the mind of Christ
 - a. Have the same attitude of Christ

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B. He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin

Luke 9:23

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

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C. Do God's will for the rest of your days

Romans 6:5-7

⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

2. What did Peter's readers do in the past? (4:3)

1 Peter 4:3

³ For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

**They were living in sin before
they obeyed the Gospel**

2. What did Peter's readers do in the past? (4:3)

ἀσελγείαις, licentiousness 760.4

ἐπιθυμίαις, lusts 1924.7

οἴνοφλυγίαις, wine drinking 3495.1

κώμοις, revels 2943.2

πότοις, drinkings 4083.1

ἀθεμίτοις εἰδωλολατρίαις. Unhallowed 111.1

idolatries 1485.3

3. What did the pagans think was strange? (4:4)

1 Peter 4:4

⁴ In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*;

Christians refuse to engage in sin with them.

They malign (to blaspheme, to slander or to speak evil of them) Christians who did not engage in sin.

This led to unjust persecution and suffering for righteousness' sake.

4. To whom did Peter say the pagans would have to give account? (4:5)

1 Peter 4:5

⁵ but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

**All men will give an
account to God for their
deeds.**

5. For what reason was the gospel preached? (4:6)

1 Peter 4:6

⁶ For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

A. All men will be judged

B. Believers (live in the spirit) have the hope of Eternal Life

5. For what reason was the gospel preached? (4:6)

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

6. What did Peter instruct his readers to do since the end of all things was near? (4:7)

1 Peter 4:7

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

- A. The end is near
- B. Be of sound judgment
- C. Be of sober spirit

For the purpose of prayer

Believers are to live holy lives. Our time on earth is temporary. Jesus Christ will return some day.

6. What did Peter instruct his readers to do since the end of all things was near? (4:7)

1 Corinthians 1:7-8

⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:28

²⁸ Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

7. How did Peter encourage his audience to love each other? (4:8-9)

1 Peter 4:8-9

⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

A. Keep fervent in your love for one another

B. Be hospitable to one another without complaint

7. How did Peter encourage his audience to love each other? ([4:8-9](#))

Fervent love covers a multitude of sins.

- A. We are not hating and sinning.
- B. We are living with a forgiving spirit.
- C. We are forgiving others and not living with a sinful and unforgiving spirit.
- D. We may influence those who do evil toward us and lead them to Christ.

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E. We show hospitality and we do it cheerfully.

The command to **be hospitable** (literally, “to love strangers”) takes that **love** beyond the circle of Christians’ friends to other believers they do not even know

Hebrews 13:2

² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

8. How were Peter's readers to use their gifts? (4:10)

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**Serve and minister to
one another**

8. How were Peter's readers to use their gifts? (4:10)

A. Believers are to serve by speaking the Word of God.

This would include gifts as teaching, preaching, encouraging one another, prophesy (In the early church) and the other gifts that involve proclaiming the Word of God.

8. How were Peter's readers to use their gifts? (4:10)

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

2 Timothy 4:2

² preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

8. How were Peter's readers to use their gifts? (4:10)

B. Believers are to serve by ministering.

This includes such gifts as hospitality, visiting, mercy, giving, and the other gifts of ministering to people. We minister knowing that our strength and ability is from God.

Galatians 6:10

¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

9. How were these believers to speak and serve? (4:11)

1 Peter 4:11

¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- A. Speaking the utterances of God
- B. Serving by the strength which God supplies.

God may be glorified through Jesus Christ

9. How were these believers to speak and serve? ([4:11](#))

1 Corinthians 10:31

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

10. By what were Peter's readers not to be surprised? (4:12)

1 Peter 4:12

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

A. The Gospel will be offensive to many

B. Christians will endure trials (testing) and persecution for the Gospel

10. By what were Peter's readers not to be surprised? ([4:12](#))

- A. Trials and persecution measures the strength of our faith.
- B. Trials and persecution shows that our trust is in God and teaches us to depend upon Him.
- C. Trials and persecution strengthens our patience and endurance.
- D. Trials and persecution shows others our faith and may attract them to Christ.

11. What would participating in Christ's suffering prepare these believers for? (4:13)

1 Peter 4:13

¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, **keep on rejoicing**, so that also at the revelation of His glory **you may rejoice with exultation.**

A. When we suffer, we are sharing in Christ's suffering.

B. It is a privilege to suffer for the cause of Christ and a great joy and rejoicing is persecution.

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C. When we suffer, we shall be rewarded when Christ returns in glory.

Romans 8:16-17

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

12. Under what circumstance did Peter tell these believers they would be blessed? ([4:14](#))

1 Peter 4:14

¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

You are blessed when you are reviled for the name of Jesus Christ.

12. Under what circumstance did Peter tell these believers they would be blessed? ([4:14](#))

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ **But being full of the Holy Spirit**, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

⁵⁶ and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

⁵⁸ When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ They went on stoning **Stephen** as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

⁶⁰ Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

13. What are believers to avoid in suffering? (4:15)

1 Peter 4:15

¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

Do not suffer as:

- A. A murderer
- B. Thief
- C. Evildoer
- D. Troublesome meddler

14. What did Peter urge his readers to do if they suffered as Christians? ([4:16](#))

1 Peter 4:16

¹⁶ but if *anyone* suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

Do not be ashamed to suffer as a Christian

Glorify God for the privilege and honor of suffering as a Christian in His Name

15. For what did Peter say it was time? (4:17)

1 Peter 4:17

¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

For judgment

- A. Judgment begins with the household of God
- B. Judgment is also for those who did not obey the Gospel

16. What does the verse Peter quoted say about the righteous and the ungodly? (4:18)

1 Peter 4:18

¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

The righteous is saved

What will god do to the godless man and sinner?

16. What does the verse Peter quoted say about the righteous and the ungodly? (4:18)

Proverbs 11:31

³¹ If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

Hebrews 12:7-8

⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

17. What should those who suffer according to God's will do? (4:19)

1 Peter 4:19

¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right

17. What should those who suffer according to God's will do? ([4:19](#))

Look to Jesus as our example

Luke 23:46

46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.