

1 Peter 4:1-6

Introduction: Here we are told to arm ourselves with the same thinking of our Lord Jesus Christ. The reason for this is so that we would live like Him in all of life's circumstances.

1. We must arm ourselves with Christ like thinking. (v.1).

"Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,"

"And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."
(Gal 5:24 ESV)

2. We must live for the will of God (v.2).

"so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God."

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!"
(Ps 143:10 ESV)

3. We must be done with sin (v.3).

"For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry."

"They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity."
(Eph 4:19 ESV)

4. We must have realistic expectations of the world (vv.4-5).

"With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead."

"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."
(Jer 17:10 ESV)

"because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."
(Acts 17:31 ESV)

5. We must see the examples given us (v.6)

For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."
(John 5:24 ESV)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Rom 6:23 ESV)

Conclusion: Are you a follower Of Jesus? Have you put on the helmet of Salvation and the mind of Christ?