

PETER'S CHALLENGE TO SUFFER IN DOING GOD'S WILL

(1 Peter 4:1-3)

- I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS/TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1 Peter 1:1-12)**
- II. YOUR GREAT SALVATION AND PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION IN YOUR LIFE. (1:13-2:10)**
- III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION, AND A WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE (2:11-3:21)**
- IV. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS REQUIRE...**
 - A. A MINDSET That Is PREPARED to SUFFER for RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE In Doing GOD'S WILL. (4:1-6)**

1. The *response* to anticipated suffering in doing God's will is to _____
_____.

* What does "arm yourself" refer to?

2. The *reasons/motivations* for this mindset are...

a. because of what _____ has _____... "since Christ suffered for us in the flesh." (4:1b)

* Why did Christ do this?

* How should this motivate you?

b. because you can anticipate suffering from others since you have made a _____
_____ and now intend to _____. (4:1-4)

* Who does "ceased from sin" refer to?

- * What does “*ceased from sin*” mean?

- * What is stressed in 1 Peter about your “*time*” on earth?

- * What are your two options in living?

- * What characterizes people’s lives before they are saved or seek to do God’s will?

- * What were 6 sins that were prevalent in their pre-salvation lifestyles?
 - “*lewdness*”

 - “*lusts*”

 - “*drunkenness*”

 - “*revelries*”

 - “*drinking parties*”

 - “*abominable idolatries*”

- * What do we learn from this?