

## CHRISTIANS CAN SUFFER IN DOING GOD'S WILL

(1 Peter 4:1-6)

### I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND 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 " \_\_\_\_\_ " with the proper mindset or \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 1a)

\* What does "*arm yourselves*" refer to?

2. The reasons or motivations for this mindset are...

- a. because of what \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ ... "*since Christ suffered for us in the flesh.*" (v. 1b)

\* How should this motivate you?

- b. because you can anticipate suffering from others since you have made a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, and now intend to do \_\_\_\_\_ in His strength. (vv. 1c-2)

\* What does "*ceased from sin*" mean here?

3. It is clear that you have two options in living your life- either living for \_\_\_\_\_, or living for \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 2)

4. In our pre-salvation days, we \_\_\_\_\_ years living in the \_\_\_\_\_; and sometimes it was even manifested in these six \_\_\_\_\_ that Peter listed. (v. 3)

5. The reactions of the unsaved to your reasons, motivations and new mindset are...

a. \_\_\_\_\_ they will not \_\_\_\_\_ why you will not run alongside them in the same \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle. (v. 4a)

\* What is “*dissipation*”? (Luke 15:13; Eph. 5:18; Titus 1:6)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ they will speak \_\_\_\_\_ concerning you. (v. 4b)

6. You must remember that one day the scoffers and critics will \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord Jesus and give an \_\_\_\_\_, and He will \_\_\_\_\_ them in a perfectly righteous manner. (v. 5)

7. What Peter is teaching in v. 6 is that the gospel was once “*preached*” (*aorist/indic.*) to those people who are \_\_\_\_\_ physically dead, but yet \_\_\_\_\_.  
(v. 6, cf. 3:18)

\* How does this apply to you personally?