

**PREPARING TO SUFFER IN DOING GOD'S WILL
(1 Peter 4:1-6)**

I. OUR SUFFERING NEEDS TO BE VIEWED IN RELATION TO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU (1 Peter 1:1-12)

II. OUR SALVATION & PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL & PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (1:13-2:10)

III. OUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND TRIALS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, AN APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION, & 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 right *response* to anticipated suffering in doing God's will is to "_____ with the RIGHT _____ or _____".

"arm yourself" =

2. The *reasons* stated for this mindset are...

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

b. because you can anticipate suffering from _____ since you have made a _____ with _____ & now you _____ to _____ God's will. (4:1-4)

- Why would we anticipate suffering from others?
- Who does "*ceased from sin*" refer to?
- What does "*ceased from sin*" mean?
- How was this "*ceased from sin*" accomplished?
- What is stressed in 1 Peter & other scriptures about your "*time*" on earth?
- According to vs 2 what are your two options for living?

- What is it that characterized our lives before we were saved? (4:3a)
- Why is it that “Gentiles” walk this way?
- What 6 sins are mentioned that are prevalent in their lives?
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- What can we learn from this?
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- What are the reactions of the unsaved towards believers who break from living in sin to do God’s will?
 - mentally...
 - verbally...
- What should we remember about those who speak evil of you?
- While the unsaved view a Christian at death from one perspective, (what a fool to have wasted their life) what is the *reality* from God’s perspective? (4:6)

“ For this reason the _____ was preached (in the past) also to those who are (now) _____ (perhaps by martyrdom), that they might be judged according to men in the flesh (from their _____), but live (they actually kept on) according to _____ (& His will) in their spirit.

- Who or what makes all the difference in this?