

1 Peter 4

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4 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; (Strengthen yourself in the Spirit of God <the Holy Spirit>)

² That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. (Make God the priority in your life. Choose His ways over the ways of the world – lusts, perversion, greed, hate, anger, etc)

³ For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: (The evils of the world are usually there, before we learn the ways of God. We need to let all of that go, and follow God's commandments; to live a good and happy life)

⁴ Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: (The world will wonder what happened to you. Misery loves company. They'll think you are weird because you follow God, instead of the ways of the world. They call Christians bigots and right wing radicals)

(Be a good example to others. Some of them might choose to follow your example and get right with God also)

⁵ Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. (Quick = living; dead = spiritually dead) (God will judge all people – good and bad)

(We will all have to account for our behavior in this life, on judgment day, before God)

⁶ For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. (Jesus taught the dead on the wrong side of the gulf in Paradise; so that they could have a chance at salvation, through repentance. He went to them after He was crucified, while in the tomb, before He resurrected) 1Peter-3:19

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. (Sober = rational, without illusion)

(Jesus told Christians to be watchmen. Watch the seasons to know the coming of antichrist; so that we can warn people who might otherwise be deceived by him)

⁸ And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. (True charity is given quietly and humbly. Those who brag about their charity won't see any blessings from God)

⁹ Use hospitality one to another without grudging. (Help others, spiritually. Do it cheerfully. That is true charity)

¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (God gives us gifts <charisma>, to be shared. Help and encourage each other)
Chapter-3:12

¹¹ If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Speak the Word of God; not the words, traditions and sermons of men and of churches. That's how to tell a real preacher from a fake)

(A real preacher teaches God's Word; chapter by chapter; verse by verse. A fake reads one verse, and then goes into a one hour sermon that he wrote)

¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
1Corinthians-10:13 (We all go through the same trials of the world. God helps us through it all)

¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (Be happy to have learned the truth and that you can live by it)
(Many people go through life in total ignorance of God. They live without hope. That makes for a sad life)

¹⁴ If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil

spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. (reproached = criticized)
(We praise and glorify God, while the world hates Him. Our good example might influence some of them to change for the better)

¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. (God hates criminals and rumor mongers. You do Him a disservice by acting badly. Your bad behavior reflects badly on other Christians)

¹⁶ Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. (behalf = in His name – as a Christian – as a Christ man – Better translation)

(Be proud to be a Christian, regardless of what the world says)

¹⁷ For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? (Priests that mislead others, through false doctrine will be judged first. If they are judged for their sin of ignorance and greed; how bad will it be for those who truly hate God?)

(Those are the ones who maliciously mislead people while getting rich with some false church. You do not want that on your head)

¹⁸ And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? (Many people won't make it to the Third Age)

¹⁹ Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. (Live by God's Word and He will keep your soul in His good graces. Your reward will be waiting for you in Heaven)

NOTE: (Thank God that we will have the Millennium Period to teach the ones who fall short in this life. Many more will be saved during that time)