

## 1 Peter 4 “Done with Sin”

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Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh,[a] arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **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. **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. **4** With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; **5** but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **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.

“Arm yourself.”

Because Jesus suffered in the flesh, the power of sin is broken.

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self[a] was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free[b] from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The death Jesus died created a “done with moment.”

1 Peter 4:3

**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.

Licentious and lawless behavior wastes time you could be growing as a human being.

1 Peter 4:4

**4** With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; **5** but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

You are going to be judged by someone.

1 Peter 4:12-14

**12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

**14** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

When we are willing to endure hardship rather than roll into the same old sins, it's a sign to us and to the world that something has changed.

Being different through Christ should provide a platform to share the gospel.

The Christians life is not primarily a life of self denial, but of love, delight, and rejoicing.

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Share a moment in your life when you tried to fit in or be accepted.
- Discuss the tension that Peter conveys, that being accepted by God will eventually put you at odds with others. Why is this true?
- What are we to arm ourselves with in v.1? How do we do that and for what purpose?
- When does a persecution experience convince you that your are headed in the right direction?
- Discuss the idea that if our being different doesn't create a joyful platform for sharing the gospel then we are not being different in the way Peter is instructing. When are we different and ineffective? When are we peculiar in Christ and useful?
- How can your Grow Group apply this passage to your life this week?