



I Peter Lesson 5

I PETER 4

Peter has made his case clear that the believer's response to suffering should be vastly different than what would be considered normal by the world. In fact, our response to life in general is vastly different whether it be in submission to ungodly authority, submission to one another and fervently loving each other, or living a life of purity and honor in the midst of extremely corrupt culture. In chapter 4, Peter will continue the call of the necessity of holiness lived out in sanctified lives which will be the weapons

of our warfare against evil. As Paul stated to the Corinthian church that was dealing with many of the same issues that Peter is addressing, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..." 1 Corinthians 10:3-5

READ 1 PETER 4

1 Peter 4:1-2

1)"Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the _____, _____ yourselves also with the same _____, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2) so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

Word study 1

Flesh-sarx-flesh or human nature. When referred to Christ in the the flesh it means His incarnate human nature

1 Timothy 3:16

*Hebrews 5:7
10:20*

1 Peter 3:18

1 John 4:2-3

2 John 1:7

Word study 2

Arm- hoplizo- weapon; to equip with arms as in a moral sense. Standing with weapons of warfare

Romans 13:12

2 Corinthians 6:7

2 Corinthians 10:4

Word study 3

Purpose-ennoia- from en meaning from and nous meaning the organ of mental perception and apprehension of conscious life which precedes actions; intelligent understanding; what is in the mind idea, notion, intention, purpose

Hebrews 4:12 - (thoughts)

Word study 4

Ceased- pauo-to refrain, pause, or leave off

Joshua 7:26

1. *Suffering can't make us stop sinning, but according to Peter it does make an impact on ridding the sin from our lives (4:1-2). How was Christ an example of this process, and how do we "arm ourselves with the same purpose?" Romans 6:5-14; Colossians 3:1-4*

2. *How will the world respond to our new form of thinking and living?*
3. *What four things does Peter say we should do in response to the reality that “the end of all things is near,” and what reason or attitude does he give for each?*
- * 1 Peter 4:7
- * 1 Peter 4:8
- * 1 Peter 4:9
- * 1 Peter 4:10
4. *Peter states that we are “stewards of the manifold grace of God” when we exercise our spiritual gifts. How does Paul reiterate this idea in Romans 12:3-8, 14:19 and 1st Corinthians 12:4-11 and Ephesians 4:11-13?*
5. *In 4:12-19, Peter reverts to his original discussion regarding suffering. He understood that the idea of suffering seemed foreign; that something strange or wrong was happening. Many times, we feel the same way about suffering. We believe that prosperity and happiness should be our most common Christian experience. Why does suffering surprise us or make us feel like something is wrong? How is Peter’s understanding of suffering contrary to ours? Why is it important that we fully grasp this truth?*

6. *In what ways does Satan use misunderstandings of suffering against believers?*

7. *How does Peter contrast “shame” and “glory” in suffering?*

8. *What is the “household of God,” and why would it be necessary for judgment to start there? 1 Peter 4:17; 1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6, 10:21*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
