

**1 & 2 Peter Bible Study**  
**1 Peter 4:1-6**  
**Study questions Lesson 13**

Read 1 Peter 4:1-6

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, 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. 3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. 4 And in all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excess of dissipation, and they malign you; 5 but they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God. NAS

We begin these verses with the word ‘therefore’, a reminder that Peter is referring to the previous verses regarding Christ’s death, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. (vs 3:18) Now looking at the above verses, we keep the previous chapters in mind as we see what Peter is saying to the believers.

1. Verse 1 in 1 Peter 4 tells us that Christ suffered in the flesh, how did He suffer? Give biblical references for your answer.

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2. What does it mean in verse 1, to arm yourself also with the same purpose of Christ’s suffering in the flesh? Phil 2:2-16; Pick 4

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Use the following verses to explain what it means that he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin? 2 Timothy 2:11-12; Gal 2:20; Col 3:3;

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4. In verse 3 we see an interesting phrase, 'that the time is past to have carried out the desires of the gentiles,' what does that mean? Is it specific to the believers? 1 Cor 2:12-13; Romans 6:1-11.

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5. How should the life of a Christian differ from his past life? 4:2 Eph 4:22-25

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6. Why is it important that our lives show a difference after our salvation in Christ? Col 3:17; 1 Cor 10:31-33

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7. When someone's life is different after salvation, and their behavior changes, a: Why is it hard for their friends to accept the change? b: What is our response to be when we are questioned or reviled for that change? Give verses to support your answer.

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b. 

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8. Understanding our own depravity and our own temptation to sin, what should our own response include as we answer our accusers from vs 4?

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9. According to 4:1-6, what is the relationship between the Christian and the world? John 17:14-19; 1 Cor 2:12-13

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10. Verse 5 make refence to the one who will judge the living and the dead? Who is this judge? How will He judge?

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11. Let's take verse 6 apart so we can understand what Peter is talking about.

- a. 'For the gospel has for this purpose been preached' 'for this purpose' is referring to something written prior to this, what in verse 5 is it referring to? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Are they alive or dead physically? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. How will they be judged? Vs 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How will we be judged? In the flesh or the spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. What would living in the spirit by the will of God mean?

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