

1 PETER 4:1-5

Introduction: In our study of 1 Peter, but we continue with the theme of _____. Peter makes some practical applications to those to whom he is writing as a way of _____ that the events they are experiencing are not to be considered _____. Instead, the suffering they are going through is a very good testimony to their salvation and holy lifestyle.

I. _____ and Sanctification Vs 1-3

- A. Christ set the example Vs 1a
 - 1. He suffered _____ pain
 - 2. **Cf. 3:18**
- B. Christlikeness involves a _____ to submit to the Father's will in our life-even if it means physical suffering Vs 1b
 - 1. We must ask God to give us a Christlike attitude in every area of our life
 - a. **Phil 2:5-8** *Let this mind be in you....*
 - b. **Heb 12:1-4** *Looking unto Jesus....*
 - 2. An attitude of _____ to the will of God is necessary for personal sanctification
 - a. Sanctification is a personal _____ of oneself and lifestyle to God and to the things that are important to God
 - b. (Note the references in the conclusion)
- C. An attitude of submission to God's will results in _____ living and continued _____ over personal sin Vs 1c-2
 - 1. Attitude comes from the way one _____ and the conclusions they draw
 - 2. Attitude affects the way one _____
 - 3. A righteous (holy) attitude results in righteous _____, which results in righteous living **Romans 6:6-14**
- D. _____ sanctification results in turning from the sins of a lifestyle before salvation Vs 3
 - 1. **NKJV Vs 3a** "For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles" (Gentiles-_____)
 - 2. **ESV Vs 3a** "For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do"

II. Suffering _____ by sanctification Vs 4

- A. Your past will always be _____ you Vs 4a
 - 1. Our sin of the past always seems to want to _____ us and often "old friends" are there to _____ remind us
 - a. **NKJV Vs 4a** "In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them"
 - b. **ESV Vs 4a** "With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them"
 - 2. With the _____ Christlike attitude we will understand this and have _____ for their souls, since they are still _____ to their sinful lifestyle
- B. Your past "partners in sin" are apt to speak _____ of you thus often causing _____ Vs 4b
 - 1. **Speaking evil**-to speak reproachfully about you; to criticize; to falsely accuse or _____ with the intent of bringing _____
 - 2. This type of behavior is apt to come from _____ who is unsaved

- a. Unsaved _____
- b. Unsaved people where you _____
- c. Unsaved _____

III. Suffering evaluated through sanctified _____ Vs 5

- A. We _____ the "pit from which we were dug"
- B. We remember that our past sin is under the _____ even though we may be "haunted" by it
- C. We remember but by the *Grace of God* we too would be _____ like the unsaved
- D. We remember that _____ has placed the unsaved in our life to share the Gospel with
- E. We remember that they must one day stand _____ God as their Judge if they remain in their unsaved condition

Conclusion: Sanctification has an interesting _____ upon the believer. We are _____ on the inside to become more like Christ in our thinking, _____, and behaving. Sanctification is a _____ byproduct of salvation and should be evident in _____ born-again believer. Cf. Leviticus 11:44-45; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 13:12-14; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; 1 Peter 1:1-2