

I Peter 4:1-6

- I. Live for the will of God. (1-3)
 - A. Follow in Christ's attitude. (1-2)
 - 1. Because Christ suffered in the flesh. (1a)
 - 2. Follow in His footsteps. (1b-2)
 - a. Have the same attitude. (1b)
 - b. Reason: Such a person makes a clean break with the old way of life. (1c-2)
 - 1) The one who suffers in the flesh has stopped from sin. (1c)
 - 2) The purpose: to live for God. (2)
 - a) Neg. To no longer live for human desires. (2a)
 - b) Pos. But rather live the rest of your time in the flesh for the will of God. (2b)
 - B. Reason: Enough is enough. (3)
 - 1. The time past is sufficient to have walked in the will of the gentiles. (3a)
 - 2. By participating in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and detestable idolatry. (3b)
- II. The Response of the Gentiles. (4-6)
 - A. They will respond harshly to your rejection of their values. (4)
 - 1. They will be surprised at your rejection. (4a-b)
 - a. They will be unpleasantly surprised. (4a)
 - b. Because you no longer plunge into the same flood of dissipation. (4b)
 - 2. They will slander you and blaspheme as a result. (4c)
 - B. The final result- They will be judged, you will be vindicated. (5-6)
 - 1. They will have to give an answer to the one who is ready to judge the living and the dead. (5)
 - 2. Parenthetical explanation of the term "the living and the dead". (6)
 - a. The gospel was preached even to those who are now dead. (6a)
 - b. The purpose for the preaching. (6b-c)
 - 1) Even though they may be judged in the flesh according to mankind's standard. (6b)
 - 2) They may live in the spirit according to God's true and just judgment. (6c)