

LIVING CHRISTIANLY

I Peter 4:1-6

To live Christianly we must cease living sinfully!

I. BE PROTECTED (1-2)

- Jesus provided protection

A. REMEMBER: Jesus has suffered (1a)

1. He refused relief (18a)
2. He proves that temptation can be endured

B. THEREFORE: Arm yourselves with Christ's mindset (1b)

1. Making use of the power to resist
 - a. Using the equipment provided - Romans 13:12
 - b. Destroying fortresses - II Cor. 10:3-5
2. Gaining insight from Christ and applying it to your Christianity

C. BECAUSE: You want to change (1c-2)

1. You want to cease from sinning (1c)
2. You want to focus on God's will (2)

II. BE DIFFERENT (3-4)

- Jesus changes our habits

A. FORSAKING OUR SINFUL PAST

1. That period: Sufficient, enough
2. Those pursuits: Selfish godlessness

B. FORSAKING OUR SINFUL PARTNERS (4)

1. Who are surprised that we no longer join them
2. Who blaspheme (malign) our righteous choices

III. **BE AWARE** (5-6)

- Jesus' judgment is coming

A. SINNERS WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT (5)

1. A report will be given
2. A Judge will be examining - See II Thessalonians 1:6-9

B. SAINTS WILL LIVE IN THE SPIRIT (6)

1. They responded to the gospel good news before they died
2. And they changed their judgment outcome
 - a. Though judged in the flesh > They died - See Romans 5:12
 - b. They are alive in the spirit > Living in Heaven

CONCLUSION:

Believers must not indulge in sin

1. Because we have a different priority (1-2)
 - Doing what God wants
2. Because we have a different path (3-4)
 - Fed up with pursuing a course of sin
3. Because we have a different perspective (5-6)
 - Knowing that Judgment Day is coming

May God help us to live Christianly this week