

1 Peter 4:1 - 11

## Men of Grace

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### Tentative Outline

- 1:1-2 Greeting and spiritual identity
- 1:3-2:10 Chosen by God for full and final salvation
  - 1:3-12 God's gift of final salvation
  - 1:13-2:3 God's calling to a holy lifestyle
  - 2:4-10 God's choice of a special people
- 2:11-4:19 Honorable behavior in the midst of suffering
  - 2:11-25 Submission to appropriate legal authorities
  - 3:1-12 Submission/respect in marriage and in the church
  - 3:13-22 Doing good in the midst of suffering
  - 4:1-11 Christ-like attitude in the world and in the church
  - 4:12-19 Be happy, do right, trust God
- 5:1-9 Serving each other in the church
- 5:10-14 Summary of letters' content and purpose

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### MAIN IDEA:

- Display Christ-like attitude and behavior both in the world and in the church.

4:1-7

- Be willing to suffer in this hostile world as Christ did – remembering that present abuse and even physical death is not the last word; future judgment for unbelievers and victorious resurrection for believers is God's last word!

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**4:8-11:**

- **Christ-like attitude and behavior in the church**
  - **Earnest and disciplined prayer (vs 7)**
  - **Constant love for each other (vs 8)**
  - **Cheerful hospitality (vs 9)**
  - **Identify and use your spiritual gifts to serve others and to glorify God (vs 10-11)**

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. **Share with each other how you try to "be earnest and disciplined in your prayers" (vs 7).**
2. **What is your gift? How are you using it to serve others and glorify God?**

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## 1. Verse 4:1-11

4:1

SO THEN SINCE CHRIST SUFFERED PAIN,

YOU MUST ARM YOURSELVES

WITH THE SAME ATTITUDE HE HAD

AND BE READY TO SUFFER TOO.

FOR

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST,  
YOU HAVE DECIDED TO STOP SINNING.

4:2 AND YOU WON'T SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE  
CHASING AFTER EVIL DESIRES,  
BUT YOU WILL BE ANXIOUS  
TO DO THE WILL OF GOD.

4:3 (FOR) YOU HAVE ENOUGH OF THE PAST  
OF THE EVIL THINGS

THAT GODLESS PEOPLE ENJOY —

— THEIR IMMORALITY AND LUST,  
THEIR FEASTING AND DRUNKENNESS AND WILD PARTIES  
AND  
THEIR TERRIBLE WORSHIP OF IDOLS.

4:4 OF COURSE

YOUR FORMER FRIENDS ARE VERY SATISFIED

GIVEN YOU NO LONGER JOIN THEM  
IN THE NICKED THINGS THEY DO;

AND

THEY SAY EVIL THINGS ABOUT YOU.

4:5 BUT JUST REMEMBER

THAT  
THEY WILL HAVE TO FACE GOD,  
WHO JUDGES EVERYONE,

WITH THE LIVING  
AND THE DEAD.

4:6

THAT IS WHY

THE GOOD NEWS WAS REACHED

EVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED —

SO THAT

THOUGH THEIR SINS WERE PUNISHED  
WITH DEATH,

THEY COULD STILL LIVE IN THE SPIRIT

AS GOD DOES.

4:7 THE END OF THE WORLD IS COMING SOON (IS MIMENT).

THE THEREFORE  
BE SILENT  
AND DISCOURSES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

4:8 MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL,

CONTINUE TO SHOW DEEP LOVE FOR EACH OTHER,

FOR  
LOVE CONCERN (BECOMES) A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

4:9 CHEERFULLY  
SHARE YOUR HOME  
WITH THOSE WHO NEED A PLACE  
OR A PLACE TO STAY.

4:10 GOD HAS GIVEN GIFTS TO EACH OF YOU  
FROM HIS GREAT RICHES OR SPLENDID GIFTS.  
MANAGE THEM WELL  
SO THAT

GOD'S GENEROSITY (GIFTS) CAN FLOW THROUGH YOU.

4:11 ARE YOU CAUSED TO BE A STALKER?

THEN  
SPEAK AS THOUGH GOD HIMSELF WERE SPEAKING  
THROUGH YOU.

ARE YOU CAUSED TO HELP OTHERS?

DO IT WITH ALL THE STRENGTH  
AND ENERGY THAT GOD SUPPLIES.

THEN  
GOD WILL BE GIVEN GLORY AND HONOR  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

ALL GLORY AND PRAISE BELONG TO HIM

FATHER AND SON.

AMEN.