

STANDING FIRM

1 Peter 4:1-6

⁴ 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, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. ⁴ In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will 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*.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) What is our motivation according to verse 1?

4) In verse 3 Peter describes the desires of unbelievers, do you think almost 2,000 years later those desires have changed? Why or why not?

How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask "Why does this matter?"

- 5) How are we called to live in verse 2?

- 6) Why would unbelievers malign you for not joining them?

- 7) What is "they" referring to in verse 5?

- 8) Read Matthew 12:36, Romans 14:12, Hebrews 4:13, and verse 5 What are all these saying everyone must do?

- 9) In 4-5 sentences, how should that impact the way you live?

- 10) According to verse 6 what is the motivation for sharing the Gospel?

- 11) Is that your motivation for sharing the Gospel?

- 12) What are some ways **you need to** apply this passage?