

## I Peter 4:1-2

*Armed With Jesus' Mindset, Suffering For Righteousness, Ceasing From Sin*

### I. Introduction:

A. We have previously studied, in this letter, about suffering for righteousness sake (**I Peter 3:14**).

1. These brethren were facing many difficulties (**I Peter 1:6-7**).
2. Later in this context these saints will be prepared for more suffering to come later in this chapter (**I Peter 4:12-19**).

B. Our study today is going to be about the mindset to face suffering in the manner which Christ did (**Philippians 3:10**).

1. The mindset of suffering with Him to be exact (**Romans 8:17**).
2. With what we will study, we want to be careful not to become overly confident because we have the right mindset (**Mark 14:38** and **I Corinthians 10:12**).
3. The end goal being to endure to receive the crown of life (**James 1:12**).

II. Body: *"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God"* (**I Peter 4:1-2**).

A. Since Christ suffered for us in the flesh (**I Peter 3:18**)...

1. Jesus suffered and died according to the will of our Father (**Galatians 1:3-4**).
2. Jesus had the mindset to obey His Father's will (**John 4:34** and **John 6:38**).
3. That does not mean what He was going to face, even being mentally prepared to do so, was easy (**Matthew 26:36-46**).

B. Arm yourself with the same mind (**Hebrews 12:1-3**).

1. Does this mean we should think like Jesus? Yes, (**Philippians 2:3-8**).
2. How can we know His thinking (**I Corinthians 2:6-16**)?
3. The mindset to be partakers in the afflictions of the Gospel (**II Timothy 1:8**).
4. Those willing to suffer are invested. Think about Paul's mindset and the end result (**Acts 20:22-24** and **II Timothy 4:6-8**).
5. On the other hand, others caved because of persecution (**Acts 26:11**).

C. Ceasing from sin (**Isaiah 1:16** and **II Timothy 2:19**).

1. Think about being crucified with him and what that entails (**Galatians 2:20**; cf. **Romans 6:3-6** and **Galatians 5:24**).
2. Simply put, stop sinning (**John 5:1-14**, **John 8:1-11**, **Romans 6:12**, **I Corinthians 15:34**, **Ephesians 4:26**, and **I John 2:1**).
3. Again, Jesus is the example here (**I Peter 2:21-22**).

D. Not living our time in the flesh to the lusts of men (**I Peter 2:11**), but to the will of God (**II Corinthians 5:14-15**).

1. Heaven is for those whom do the will of the Father (**Matthew 7:21-23** and **I John 2:15-17**).
2. Jesus mindset was to do the will of the Father (**John 5:30**).
3. We know a relationship with God comes down to doing His will (**John 9:31**).
4. We know how to please Him through His word (**I Thessalonians 4:1-7**).

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study; *“For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit”* (**I Peter 4:3-6**).