

Arm Yourself with the Mind of Christ

1 Peter 04: 01–06

**1 *It is dying to self —
denying oneself —
giving up sin***

**2 *It is doing God's will
for the rest of one's days***

**3 *It is being fed up with sin,
knowing that one has sinned enough***

**4 *It is bearing the strange look
by the world***

- a. They think believers are strange
- b. They slander believers
- c. They shall be judged

**5 *It is following the example
of those gone before***

- a. The gospel was preached to them
- b. They responded
and escaped judgment (cp. v. 5)

1 Therefore,
since Christ suffered in his body,
arm yourselves also with the same attitude,
because he who has suffered in his body
is done with sin.

2 As a result,
he does not live the rest of his earthly life
for evil human desires,
but rather for the will of God.

3 For you have spent enough time in the past
doing what pagans choose to do —
living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness,
orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

4 They think it strange
that you do not plunge with them
into the same flood of dissipation,
and they heap abuse on you.

5 But they will have to give account to him
who is ready to judge
the living and the dead.

6 For this is the reason
the gospel was preached
even to those who are now dead,
so that they might be judged according to men
in regard to the body,
but live according to God
in regard to the spirit.

Live Under the Shadow of History's Climax

1 Peter 04: 07–11

1 *Live being clear-minded
and self-controlled*

2 *Live watching and praying*

3 *Live with fervent love*

- a. Among brothers
- b. Because love covers
a multitude of sins

4 *Live showing hospitality
and do it cheerfully*

Live using your gift

- a. Serve — ministering to one another
- b. Serve — faithfully
- c. Serve — speaking the Word of God
- d. Serve — ministering
in the strength of God
- e. Serve — that God may be glorified
in all things.

7 The end of all things is near.
Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled
so that you can pray.

8 Above all,
love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude of sins.

9 Offer hospitality to one another
without grumbling.

10 Each one should use
whatever gift he has received
to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace
in its various forms.

11 If anyone speaks,
he should do it
as one speaking the very words of God.
If anyone serves,
he should do it with the strength God provides,
so that in all things God may be praised
through Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory and the power
for ever and ever. Amen.