

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.