

Studies in First Peter

I Peter 4:1-11

Living By The Holy Spirit

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Intro: With Chapter 4 we move into the heart of Peter's message on suffering because of Christ, and we discover some of the temptations that go with suffering. Peter exhorts us to live and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. Christ Sets the Example—He Has Suffered in the Flesh

- A. Christ experienced significant suffering leading up to Gethsemane, and extreme suffering from Gethsemane to the cross.
- B. We should expect, even plan, to suffer in similar ways as we live our lives for the will of God.

II. Regardless of How Old or Young, We've Had Plenty of Time to Carry Out the Desires of the Flesh

- A. The time past is sufficient for us to have done as we pleased:
 - 1. sensuality 2. lusts 3. drunkenness
 - 4. carousing 5. drinking parties 6. abominable idolatries
- B. Unbelievers are now surprised that we do not run with them and they malign us.
- C. But they will give an account of their lifestyle, as will we.
- D. We have been transformed from death that we may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

III. We Are Nearing the End, Therefore:

- A. Be of sound mind and sober for the purpose of prayer.
- B. Keep fervent in your love for one another because love covers a multitude of sins.
- C. Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

IV. Serve Willingly in the Power of the Holy Spirit

- A. Each one has a gift from God, use it in serving one another.
- B. Speak what you hear from God.
- C. Serve one another in the power of God.
- D. In all things that Jesus may be glorified!