

Life In Christ

1 Peter 3:8-22

Our Lives Should Center On Christ

A. Life in the Sanctuary (3:8-12)

1. In humility (3:8-9)

a. In specifics (v 8)

b. In speaking (v 9)

2. In holiness (3:10-11)

a. In words (v 10)

b. In works (v 11)

3. In help (3:12)

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B. Life In Suffering (3:13-17)

1. Suffering without surrender (3:13)

2. Suffering while sanctified (3:14-15)

a. No escaping (v 14)

1 Peter 4:12

b. No excuses (v 15)

3. Suffering with sensibility (3:16-17)

a. Peace of mind (v 16)

Titus 1:9

b. Peace of God (v 17)

2 Timothy 3:12

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C. Life In the Savior (3:16-22)

1. Revived by Christ (3:18)

Ephesians 2:1

2. Reposed in Christ (3:19-20)

Jude 1:6

3. Redeemed to Christ (3:21-22)

a. The work of Christ (v 21)

Galatians 3:27

b. The wait of Christ (v 22)

Colossians 1:17-18

Living By Christ

1 Peter 4:1-11

Our Lives Should Be Directed By Christ

I. Arm Your Mind (4:1-2)

A. Realize Christ's sufferings (4:1)

1 Peter 4:1

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;

1. Redeemed by Christ (v 1a)

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

I. Arm Your Mind (4:1-2)

A. Realize Christ's sufferings (4:1) - continued

2. Reflect on Christ (v 1b)

Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

3. Reckon with Christ (v 1c)

Luke 15:17

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I. Arm Your Mind (4:1-2)

B. Realize Christ's path (4:2)

1 Peter 4:2

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.

1. Stop wasting time (v 2a)

John 9:4

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

I. Arm Your Mind (4:1-2)

B. Realize Christ's path (4:2)

2. Start working right (v 2b)

a. Right mindset

John 5:30

**I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge:
and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine
own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

b. Right manner

Ephesians 6:6

**Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants
of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;**

II. Avoid Iniquity (4:3-6)

A. Your past is passed (4:3)

1 Peter 4:3

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:

II. Avoid Iniquity (4:3-6)

B. Your past partners are passed (4:4)

1 Peter 4:4

Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Proverbs 1:14-16

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

II. Avoid Iniquity (4:3-6)

C. Their punishment is coming (4:5)

1 Peter 4:5

Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

1. No escape

Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2. No one else

John 5:22

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

II. Avoid Iniquity (4:3-6)

D. The preaching of the Gospel (4:6)

1 Peter 4:6

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.

Colossians 2:13

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

III. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

A. In outlook (4:7)

1 Peter 4:7

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

1. Insightful

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

III. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

A. In outlook (4:7) - continued

2. Intelligent

Ephesians 5:15

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

3. Involved

1 Thessalonians 5:6

Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

Mark 13:33

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

II. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

B. In opportunity (4:8-9)

1. To show Christ's love (v 8)

1 Peter 4:8

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

2. To show Christ's service (v 9)

1 Peter 4:9

Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

II. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

C. In operation (4:10-11)

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

II. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

C. In operation (4:10-11)

1. In working (v 10)

Ephesians 4:12

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

2. In word (v 11a)

Acts 26:25

**But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus;
but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.**

II. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

C. In operation (4:10-11) - continued

3. In worship (v 11b)

Romans 15:4-6

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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