

Living By Christ

1 Peter 4:1-11

Our Lives Should Be Directed By Christ

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

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

a. Redeemed by Christ (v 1a)

1 Peter 3:18

b. Reflect on Christ (v 1b)

Philippians 2:5

c. Reckon with Christ (v 1c)

Luke 15:17

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A. Arm Your Mind (4:1-2) - continued

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

a. Stop wasting time (v 2a)

John 9:4

b. Start working right (v 2b)

1). Right mindset

John 5:30

2). Right manner

Ephesians 6:6

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B. Avoid Iniquity (4:3-6)

1. Your past is passed (4:3)

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

Proverbs 1:14-16

3. Their punishment is coming (4:5)

a. No escape

Romans 14:12

b. No one else

John 5:22

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

Colossians 2:13

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C. Act Expectantly (4:7-11)

1. In outlook (4:7)

a. Insightful

Titus 2:13

b. Intelligent

Ephesians 5:15

c. Involved

1 Thessalonians 5:6

Mark 13:33

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C. Act Expectantly (4:7-11) - continued

2. In opportunity (4:8-9)

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

b To show Christ's service (v 9)

3. In operation (4:10-11)

a. In working (v 10)

Ephesians 4:12

b. In word (v 11a)

Acts 26:25

c. In worship (v 11b)

Romans 15:4-6

Living In Trust
1 Peter 4:12-19

**Our Lives Should Be Lived By Trusting Christ
And His Word**

I. Don't Be Shocked (4:12-13)

A. The shock is not about what will happen to you (4:12)

1. The intensity of the trial

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:



I. Don't Be Shocked (4:12-13)

A. The shock is not about what will happen to you (4:12)

2. The importance of the trial

James 1:3

**Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh
patience.**

3. The imperative of the trial

2 Timothy 3:12

**Yea, and all that will live godly in
Christ Jesus will suffer persecution**



I. Don't Be Shocked (4:12-13)

B. The shock is about what should happen in you (4:13)

1 Peter 4:13

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

James 1:2

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Romans 5:3

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

II. Don't Be Sad (4:14-16)

A. When persecuted for Christ's sake (4:14)

1 Peter 4:14

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

II. Don't Be Sad (4:14-16)

A. When persecuted for Christ's sake (4:14)

1. You are in good company

Matthew 5:11-12

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

II. Don't Be Sad (4:14-16)

A. When persecuted for Christ's sake (4:14)

2. You see God's power revealed

Acts 4:29-31

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

II. Don't Be Sad (4:14-16)

B. Versus when punished for sin's sake (4:15)

1 Peter 4:15

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

II. Don't Be Sad (4:14-16)

C. When persuaded for suffering for righteousness (4:16)

1 Peter 4:16

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Acts 5:41-42

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

III. Don't Be Sinful (4:17-19)

A. Examine yourselves (4:17)

1 Peter 4:17

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1. Start now

2. Start here

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

III. Don't Be Sinful (4:17-19)

B. Escape judgment (4:18)

1 Peter 4:18

And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

1 Corinthians 11:32

But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

2 Peter 3:11

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

III. Don't Be Sinful (4:17-19)

C. Exercise diligence (4:19)

1 Peter 4:19

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Philippians 2:12-13

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

**Only Trust Him
Now**

Only Trust Him

**Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
There's mercy with the Lord;
And he will surely give you rest,
By trusting in his Word.**

Only trust him, only trust him,

Only trust him now.

He will save you, he will save you,

He will save you now.

**Yes, Jesus is the Truth, the Way,
That leads you into rest;
Believe in him without delay,
And you are fully blest.**

Only trust him, only trust him,

Only trust him now.

He will save you, he will save you,

He will save you now.

