

(1 Peter 4:1-6)

# Our Living Hope

- We are but "pilgrims" (vs. 1), implying there is a destination a goal a HOMELAND! Heb 11:13-16
- This HOMELAND is spoken of as a LIVING HOPE which Peter points to as a means of encouraging us to ENDURE—1:6-9,13,13; 5:9-11

OUR LIVING HOPE (1:1-12)

BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY (1:13-2:3)

CORNER STONE OR STUMBLING STONE (2:4-10)

ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS (2:11-12)

RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENT (2:13-17)

RESPONSE TO ABUSIVE AUTHORITY (2:18–25)



# l Peter 3:1-7 A God Honoring Marriage

"heirs together of the grace of life"



# "Don't Allow Suffering To Rob You of Your Blessing"

#### I Peter 3:8-17

- Remember You Are
  Blessed If You Suffer For
  Christ (3:14,17)
- Sanctify The Lord In Your Hearts (3:14-15)
- Always Be Ready To Give A Defense (3:15)
- Keep Your Conscience Clean (3:16)

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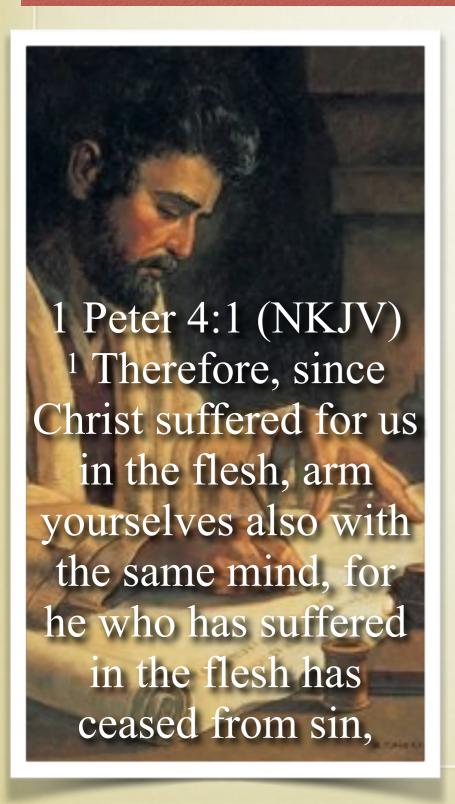
We Are Saved Through The Suffering & Resurrection of Jesus (18) Those who suffer with Christ will be victorious (19-22)

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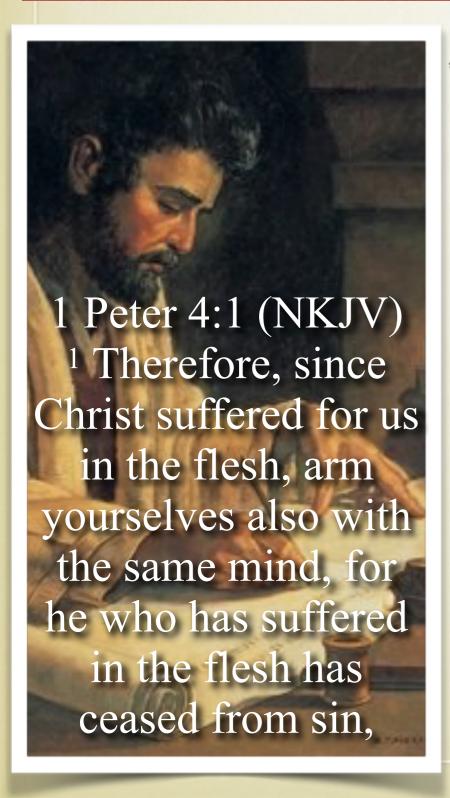
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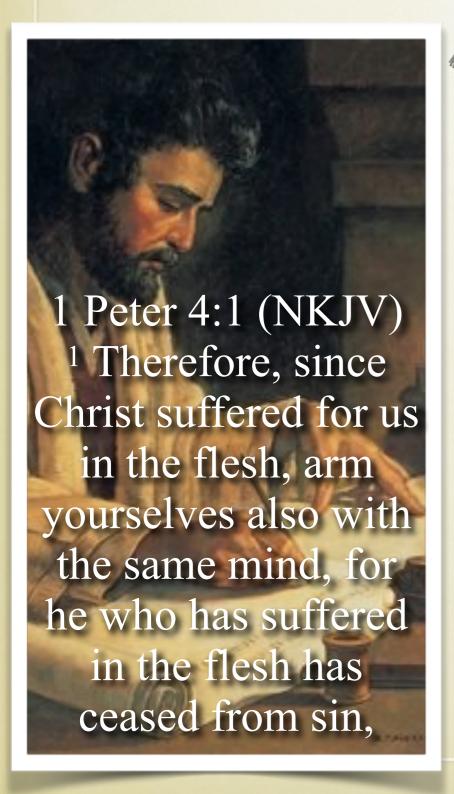


- Therefore; Related To Things Previously Stated (3:13-22)
  - If we suffer, let it be for doing good (3:13-17)
  - Jesus suffered for our sins but was victorious (3:18,22)
  - Suffering when doing what is right is worth it, in contrast to those who cause the righteous to suffer (3:19-20)
  - Baptism now saves us we are a part of the blessed class, like Jesus, through Jesus' victory (3:21,22)

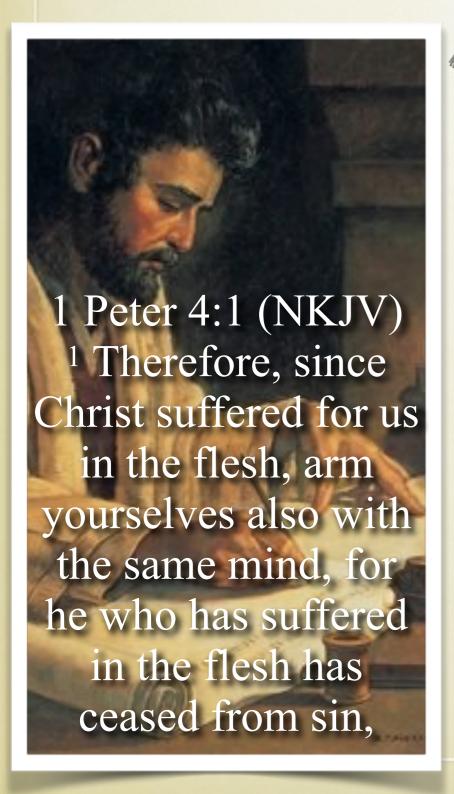




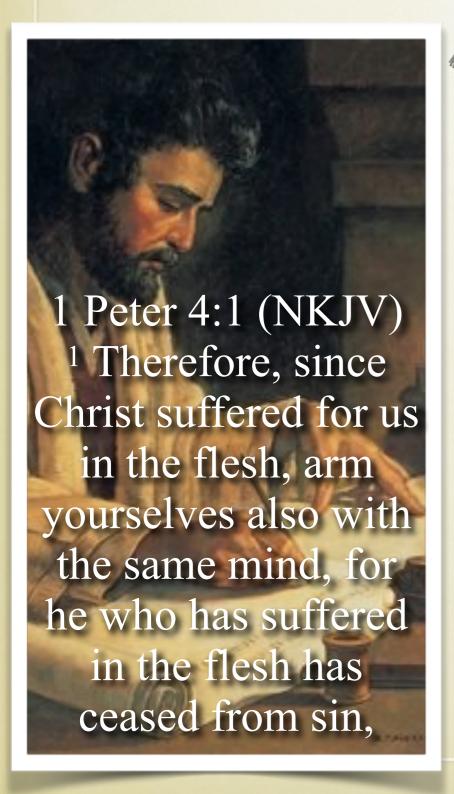
- Jesus' suffering "for us" previously noted by Peter (2:21–24; 3:18)
  - Proved God's love: (Ro. 5:6-8)
  - Doing what the Law could not do (Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:13).
  - Our sin offering, once for all (2 Co. 5:21; He. 9:26, 28).
  - Gave Himself to deliver us (Ga. 1:4; Titus 2:14)



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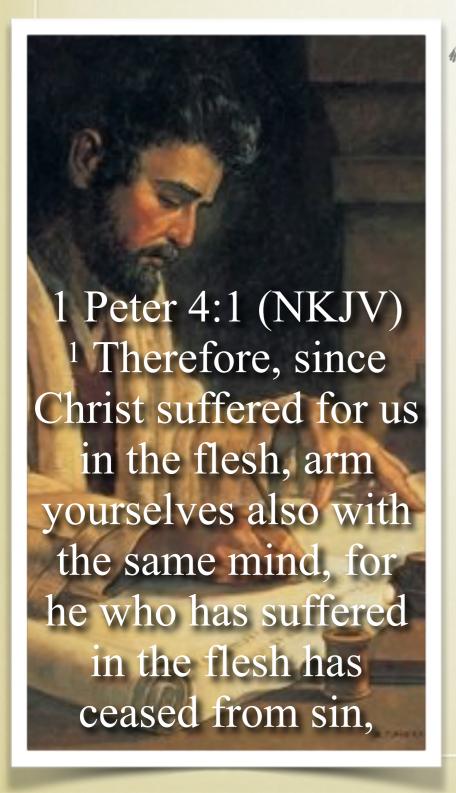


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  - Equip yourselves with the same kind of thought and will as Christ (Ro. 13:12–14; Phi. 2:5; He. 12:3)



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  - Victory always begins in the MIND (Romans 12:1,2; 2 Co. 5:17. Ep. 1:18; 4:22–24. Col. 1:22; 3:10)
    - Initial decision (Josh. 24:15; Rom. 6:16-18; Acts 14:22)
    - Commitment (Jn 4:34; Act 20:24)
    - Determination (2 Ti 4:6-8; Hb 4:11)
    - Self Control / Persistence (1 Cor. 9:24–27; Phil. 3:13, 14; Heb. 12:1,2)

# IF OUR MINDS ARE SO ARMED (4:1-4)



#### "He Who Has Suffered In The Flesh Has Ceased From Sin" (4:1C)

- The suffering spoken of here by Peter is the result of our cessation of living in sin (Is. 1:16; Ez. 18:20-32; Ro. 6:1,2; Ga. 2:20; 5:24. Col. 3:3–5)
- If our attitude towards sin is the same as Jesus', we will detest it, turn from it and expose it (Mat. 5:29-30; 1 Jn. 3:9; Eph. 5:3-14)
- All who live godly will suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:10-12)

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- "He No Longer Should Live The Rest Of His Time In The Flesh" (4:2,3)
  - From the point one becomes a Christian forward (Rom. 6:1-23)
  - Our time spent in this life should be spent serving God, doing His will (2:15; 3:17; 4:19; Titus 2:11-14)
  - We are to spend our time "presenting our bodies as living sacrifices" (Romans 12:1,2)
  - Compare Romans 13:11-14

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- "He No Longer Should Live The Rest Of His Time In The Flesh" (4:2,3)
  - We are NOT to spend the rest of our time "doing the will" of the ungodly (3; Eph. 5:15,16)
  - We not only have a new relationship with Christ, we also have a new relationship with the world! WE MUST BE DIFFERENT (Jn 17:14-19; Lk 6:22; 21:17; Jn 15:19; 1 Jn 3:13; 2 Co. 6:14)
  - We cannot influence the world if we are like it (Mat. 5:13-16; Phil 2:14-16)

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- LEWDNESS aselgeia (ajsevlgeia) denotes excess, licentiousness, absence of restraint, indecency, wantonness; "lasciviousness" The prominent idea is shameless conduct.

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- LUST epithumia (ejpiqumiva) denotes strong desire of any kind, the various kinds being frequently specified by some adjective . . . are evil if inconsistent with the will of God. (Vines)

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- DRUNKENNESS oinophlugia (oinoflugia) Combination of "oinos" (wine) –and "phlugia" (to bubble up) The idea is that one becomes intoxicated, inebriated, or drunk with wine.

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- REVELRIES koumos (kw`mo") ...
  used generally of feasts and
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  till late at night and indulge in
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- DRINKING PARTIES potos (povto") Thayer – AV-banqueting - The idea in the passage is, that it is improper for Christians to meet together for the purpose of drinking—as wine, toasts, etc. [Barnes] .

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- "In the light of these words it seems strange to find modern Christians justifying their "personal liberty" to drink and carouse," [RWP]
- cf. Prov. 20:1; 23:31; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; 1 Thess. 5:7; Eph. 5:18;

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- eidololatreia contrary to what is right, is rendered "an unlawful thing" / Idolatries the worship of false gods, idolatry, in the plural, the vices springing from idolatry ...

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#### "They Think It Strange" (4:3,4)

- One is thought of as "Strange" by the worldly because there is a real change in the life of the one who becomes a Christian This change is noticeable, and astonishes that persons old friends (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)
- The things just spoken of are things the Christian no longer does -
- Darkness hates the light especially an old friend (It makes them feel all the more guilty!)

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# When One Arms Himself/Herself With The Mind Of Christ, . .

- We Suffer Because We Cease To Walk In Sin –
- We Give Our Time Left To God
- We Cease To Live Like The World
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- We Are Spoken Of As Evil By Our Old Friends
- We Live In View Of The Judgment

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We should have NO FEAR of those who can kill the body but not the soul but have reverence for God who can destroy both in hell! (Matt 10:28)

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What Does The Example of Christ Mean To You?

Has Christ's Suffering for you Motivated You To "Arm Yourself With the Same Mind He Had?

Are You Suffering The Consequences of Having The Mind of Christ? If not – ???

# Arming Ourselves With The Mind of Christ

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