

1 PETER

Lesson #14 –Armed with the mind of Christ

Scripture Reading: 1Peter 4:1-6

Introduction:

1. Peter gives the tools to be steadfast during times of testing.
2. If one is to be spiritually successful before God, he must arm himself with the mind of Christ.
3. One arms himself with the mind of Christ by...

I. A MIND TO SUFFER –vs. 1

- A. CHRIST SUFFERED FOR US -1Pe 2:21-24
- B. THOSE WHO SUFFER ARE LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO SIN
 1. One has to be strong to endure suffering
 2. Those of this strength can resist indulgences of the flesh

II. A MIND TO BATTLE AGAINST SIN –vs. 2-3

- A. WE MUST WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST SIN
 1. For our own soul's sake –Mt 7:3-5
 2. Also for those we try and influence –Ga 6:1
- B. WE MUST PROGRESS IN THE RIGHTEOUS LIVING
 1. We spent enough of our past in sin
 2. We have all sinned and fallen short –Ro 3:23
 - a. The past sins have been washed away for Christians
 - b. Therefore, we focus on righteousness ahead

III. A MIND PREPARED FOR REJECTION –vs. 4

- A. OLD FRIENDS MAY REJECT US
 1. We don't participate in the same activities
 2. They resort to speaking evil of us
- B. WE PREPARE BY HEEDING THE WORDS OF CHRIST
 1. We are in good company –Mt 5:11-12
 2. We must not allow ourselves to be discouraged

IV. A MIND PREPARED FOR JUDGMENT –vs. 5-6

- A. WE REMEMBER THAT GOD IS OUR JUDGE
 1. We are living our lives to please Him
 2. We are submissive to Him
- B. WE REMEMBER THAT GOD IS THEIR JUDGE
 1. Because of this we persuade men -2Co 5:9-11
 2. We live in such a way to exemplify Christ.

Conclusion:

1. When we are armed with the mind of Christ, we can endure through the trials of this life
2. When we are armed with the mind of Christ, we can be prepared for eternity.