

1 Peter 4:1-11

- 1 Example of Christ's Suffering: in His flesh, for others
same **Mindset: Moral Intention** (vs reactive) = **Weapon**
Embrace Suffering as a Weapon to Free Others
Represent Father's Heart (Mt 5:43-48)
Opportunity for Gospel (1 Pe 3:15-16)
Peter (Mt 16:18-19) Christ Mindset is a Key to the Kingdom
Embrace Suffering as a Weapon to Free Ourselves from Sin
Purpose in Suffering is Refining of Heart (1 Pe 1)
Reliance on Him - Defend, Empower
(Ps 119:67) Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.
(Ps 119:71) It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.
(Ps 119:75) I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
- 2 **War: flesh vs Spirit** (Gal 5:16-17) - no compromise, one must always suffer
suffering in the flesh is linked to resisting sin
- 3 Enough Compliance with Worldly Culture ("will of Gentiles" - acceptance/pressure)
Intentional Decision (includes embracing suffering)
- 4 world "Surprised" we don't 'run with them' - call us evil (Persecution)
Lawlessness (Psa 2:1-3) - any constraint is evil (no compromise)
(1 Pe 3:15-16) some Surprised we Willingly Constrain ourselves, ask why
- 5 don't envy their "freedom" - Free Will comes with Accountability
Christians more so being freed from Corruption/Human Entropy (1 Pe 1:23)
(Ga 5:13) ¹³For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
Intentional Decision to Love includes Suffering for others, Resisting Flesh
- 6 (1 Pe 3:18-20) Dead before Christ given same opportunity to escape judgement
(Jn 5:24) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
- 7 **Primary End Time Response is Prayer!** - Watch (Mt 24:42, 25:13 Parable of Virgins)
Prayer is a way to Spend your Freedom to Love others
- 8 **Primary End Time Heart Position is "Stretching" Love that Covers sin**
- 9 "befriend strangers" without grumbling (Mt 25:31-46)
- 10 use your unique gift from God to Serve others - Steward of His Grace
- 11 Speak in line with God's Word/Heart (Mt 12:34-37)
Serve by His Empowerment (Reliance on His Grace)
in all things Glorify Him (Represent Him)