

I Just Want to Follow Jesus

1 Peter 4:1-6 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. **2** As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. **3** For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. **4** They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. **5** But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

To follow Jesus means to _____.

Matthew 16:24; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 1:6; 2:21; 3:14, 17; 4:1, 12-16; 5:9-10

Suffering _____ us from _____.

1 Peter 4:1-2

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Mark 7:20-22; Romans 13:13; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 4:19-24; 5:18; Colossians 3:5-6; 1 Peter 1:14; 2:11; 4:3; Jude 4

_____ behavior will be _____.

Hebrews 9:27; 1 Peter 4:4-6; Revelation 20:11-15

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. What misconceptions did you have about following Jesus when you first became a Christian? What do you know now that you did not know then?

2. Read Matthew 16:24, 2 Timothy 3:12 and 1 Peter 4:1. How have you suffered because of your allegiance to Jesus? If you have not suffered for you faith, why do you think that is?

3. Read 1 Peter 4:1-2. If you have experienced victory over a sinful habit, how did you do it? According to 1 Peter 4:1-2, what is the relationship between suffering and sin?

4. Read Galatians 5:19-21, Colossians 3:5-6, and 1 Peter 4:3-5. How does the reality of judgment and eternal life affect your thinking about sinful sensuality? Do you believe there are eternal benefits to earthly purity? Do you believe there are eternal consequences for earthly impurity?

5. What will you remember about 1 Peter 4:1-6 a month from now? How do you think the Spirit of God wants to use this passage to change your life?
