

I Peter

(13) The End is Near

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. 1 Peter 4:1, NIV

Having the same attitude as Christ...IPet.4:1-11

For those who don't actually suffer in the flesh like Christ, what's the admonition? 4:1; Col.3:2

To have the same (mental) attitude as Christ. Obedience to the Father at any cost.

Why is it important for us to adopt this attitude? 4:1b-4:2; IICor.12:10

Such suffering (in the body) tends to purge sin from us. Lives life for the will of God.

What insightful point does Peter make in vs.3?; ICor.6:9-11

You have already (before salvation) spent enough time in the sins of the flesh!

How do 'they' (unsaved) react to the new behavior of believers? 4:4

They're surprised at new behavior and heap abuse (insults) on you.

But what will be their ultimate fate? 4:5; 3:16; see 4:17

They will have to give account (for their behavior) to God, ready to judge living and dead.

What are the two judgments that are in direct contrast in vs.4 and vs.5? Mt.10:28

Unsaved men judge/persecute believers in the flesh. Christ judges them in the spirit!

Some believers had been killed. What is Peter's encouragement to those being persecuted? 4:6

Those physically dead believers (judged by men's standards) were spiritually alive!

What was the prevalent thought re martyred saints? IThess.4:13-18 see IICor.4:16-18

That somehow they had missed the coming Kingdom of God. But not so!!

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 1Peter 4:7, NIV

What's *end of all things is near* mean? 1:5; Acts 3:17-21; Rom.13:12; Lu.12:40; Titus 2:11-14

The return of Jesus, the Christ (Acts 3:20). It is the next specific prophetic event.

What is the result when we 'love each other deeply'? 4:8-9 Note: Above all...

That love covers over a multitude of sins. Genuine forgiveness, and true hospitality.

Every believer has received a gift(s). For what purpose? 4:10; ICor.12:7, 11, 14

To serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Variety!

What are (2) examples (broad categories) of how this is to be done? 4:11; IITim.3:16; Phil.4:13

Speak as though the very Words of God. Serve by the power of God. All to His glory!

What is Peter's doxology for this section of his letter? 4:11b; Eph.3:20-21

To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen! All God's people said, Amen!