

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER
TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
1 PETER CHAPTER 4:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:
“Suffering The Will Of God – Part 3”

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

Congregational Reading

1 Peter 4:1-6

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm** yourselves also with **the same mind**, for he who **has suffered** in the flesh **has ceased** from sin, **2** that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for **the lusts of men**, but for **the will of God**.

3 For we have spent **enough** of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles - **when we walked in lewdness, (walked in) lusts, (walked in) drunkenness, (walked in) revelries, (walked in) drinking parties, and (walked in) abominable idolatries.** **4** In regard to these, they think it **strange** that you do not **run with them** in the same flood of **dissipation**, speaking **evil** of you.

5 They will give an **account** to Him who is ready to judge **the living and the dead.** **6** For this reason the Gospel was **preached** also to **those who are dead**, that they might be **judged** according to men in the **flesh**, but **live** according to God in the **spirit**.

“When your will is God's will, you will have your will.”

Charles Spurgeon

“Love God and do as you please.”

Wrote Augustine

It was Billy Graham who said;

**“I am free to live my life any way a choose.
I choose to live my life for Christ!”**

Jesus' Example of Having a Profound Trust in the Father's Will

Luke 22:41-42

And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, *42 saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”*

But What Does The Bible Mean When It Speaks of
“Doing or Suffering the Will of God?”
Your Answer Regarding this is Definitive, it’s Revealing
as it defines your spiritual character.

Psalm 63:1-3

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. 3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

Psalm 84:4

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.
Selah (value this)

A hallmark indicator that reveals whether or not you are a true child of God is this; “**Just how serious are you about doing what God wants?**”

**The Suffering, Embracing, Cooperating
With The Will Of God**

1.) Having the right attitude about sin vs. 1-2

1a.) Is to count its cost vs. 1a

1b.) Is to celebrate its defeat vs. 1b

1c.) Is to continue on in victory vs. 2

**Christianity is not in theory. Christianity is not an idea
or a moral code to implement.
Christianity is a Possessed Life**

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 14:15-18

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

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2.) Understanding who you are now

vs. 3-4

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Understanding Who You Are Now

2a.) There is the dichotomy of you

vs. 3a

Synonyms for Dichotomy are

“division, separation, split, chasm, divorce, gulf, divide.

Something that was once one – is now two by
“division, separation, split, chasm, divorce, gulf, divide.

Verse 3a

For we have spent **enough** of our past-life-time
in doing the will of the Gentiles - **when we walked...**

Walked **grk:** to traverse the terrain. to travel the trail or the path. to journey along or to have a set course. to plod along having the finish in mind. you have a goal and a purpose ie. (the pilgrims progress)

**There are certain assumptions to be made when we think about walking.
Are you strolling? Are you in a hurry? Are you wandering?**

Enough was Enough and it is still Enough

(it's over dead and gone now – remember that new reality)

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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Understanding Who You Are Now

2b.) There is the liberty of you

vs. 3b

Where we no longer “walk” in lewdness, (*walked in*) lusts, (*walked in*) drunkenness, (*walked in*) revelries, (*walked in*) drinking parties, and (*walked in*) abominable idolatries.

Illicit Public Decadence is In Mind Here

What 's Remarkable About this List is That, The Noted Greek Scholar Kenneth Wuest Points Out That These Actions were deemed “destructive to the common welfare of the empire” and so were outlawed by the Roman Senate.

Before I became a Follower of Jesus,

I wanted to be just like the world I lived in. I wanted to be accepted by the world that I was surrounded by this world.

I wanted to be different, just like everybody else in this world.

Being mindful of the dangers on the left and on the right.

Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow **gate**; for wide is the **gate** and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the **gate** and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Clearly, Heaven's Immigration Laws are Stiff

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech (urge) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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Understanding Who You Are Now

2c.) There is the conviction of you

vs. 4

In regard to these, they think it **strange** that you do not **run with them** in the same flood of **dissipation**, speaking **evil** of you.

They think it **strange** that you do not **run with them**

strange **grk:** xenizo; to be surprised. to be entertained by something or someone odd or unique. (a short-lived curiosity)

run **grk:** suntrecho; to run together in unison. to be in agreement with.

Note: what is not being said here.

They don't think it strange that someone's destroying their marriage.

They're doing the same thing.

They don't think it strange that someone's abusing their wife.

They're doing the same thing.

They don't think it strange that someone's abusing their child.

They're doing the same thing.

They don't think it strange that someone's on drugs or an alcoholic.

They're doing the same thing.

They don't think it strange that someone cheats on their taxes.

They're doing the same thing.

They don't think it strange that someone's immoral, unfaithful or a liar.

They're doing the same thing.

Did You See Last Week's New York City Abomination?

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/01/22/one-world-trade-center-lit-up-in-pink-to-celebrate-ny-abortion-law/>

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/shameful-and-demonic-5-pastors-faith-leaders-condemn-ny-abortionlaw.html>

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The Christian's Counter Measure

Romans 1: 22,24,28

Professing to be wise, they became fools, **:24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **:28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Psalms 2:1-5

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, **3** "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." **4** He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. **5** Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

The World is Not Happy Unless You Join Them

In Their Destructive / Anti God Behavior

Have you noticed how generous the world is when they need you to make them feel comfortable in their sinful lifestyle?

Rarely do we hear the word **”Tolerance”** anymore because it’s not enough.

“You must **Approve** of what I am doing. You must **Accept** me and what I am doing. You must **Applaud** my actions.... or else!

“Here bro, have a beer. - C’mon dude, are you too good for us?

What are you, some kind of self-righteous saint? – Take it!”

dissipation **grk:** asotia; to be wasting away. to be weakening, ruin or riotous living. wastefulness from overindulgences.

evil **grk:** blaspheme; to blaspheme as to blaspheme God. to slander you. to accuse you. to falsely describe you or to falsely describe you with the intent to destroy.

Proverbs 1:10,14-16

My son, if sinners **entice** you, do not consent. :**14** Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. **15** Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on. **16** For they do not sleep unless they have done evil;

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3.) Living this never ending life

vs. 5-6

Suffering The Will Of God

Living This Never Ending Life

3a.) Living in light of the coming judgment

vs. 5a

They will give an **account** to Him who is **ready** to judge **the living** and **the dead**.

ready **grk:** hetoimos – then the hand is put to the handle. the moment the hand takes a grip. The tension being applied just about to pull or push. to be holding the ax in hand.)

Suffering The Will Of God
Living This Never Ending Life

3b.) Living in light of the believers assurance

vs. 6a

For this reason (judgement day) the Gospel was **preached** also to **those who are dead**, (believers who passed away early on) that they might be **judged** according to men in the **flesh**, (rejected by man)

This being “**judged** according to men”

Is fascinating for this reason – it implies that the unbelievers will create or use the laws available to justify their decision to attack, condemn and destroy you.

Take Great Courage Believer.

You will be mistreated and they will justify it. You will be lied about and they will justify it. You will be rejected and they will justify it. You might even be imprisoned or killed and they will justify it.

Matthew 10:21-22

“Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. **22** And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

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Living This Never Ending Life

3c.) Living in light of forever

vs. 6b

... but **live according to God** (accepted by God) in the **spirit**.
(the human spirit that lives on in eternity)

This “live” means to live life fully as God designed it to be lived.

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:3-4

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 8:14-17

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1 John 4:18-19

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:4,7

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. :7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 5:1-2

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to Me, (who?) all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 (how?) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, (why?) and you will find rest for your souls.

Mark 8:31-38

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. **33** But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." **34** When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **35** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. **36** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? **37** Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? **38** For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL of Jesus

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