

# Our Life in Christ

## Introduction

### Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:1-6

1. **The suffering of Christ compels us to suffer for Him.**  
**1 Peter 3:17-18**

1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that you should follow His steps:

2. **Peter gives us several reasons why we remain faithful to Christ in the face of suffering and opposition: Our new life in Christ.**  
**1 Peter 3:18-4:6**

## We Have Entered a New World

1. **Like Noah entered a new world after being saved through water, we entered a new world in Christ after we were baptized.**  
**1 Peter 3:20-21**

- A. **The new birth**  
**John 3:3-5**

- B. **At the point of baptism we became a new creature in Christ.**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- C. **This new life in Christ results in salvation if we remain faithful.**

Ephesians 2:1 And you **He made alive**, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

## D. We now have a complete, new relationship in Christ.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**.

### Romans 6:4-7, 21-23

#### 2. Therefore, we no longer live in the old world of sin!

Ephesians 4:17-20 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should **no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **But you have not so learned Christ**,

## We Have a New Mind

1 Peter 4:1 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,

#### 1. Christ had a mind to suffer for the sake of righteousness.

**1 Peter 2:21-24**

#### 2. We must now arm (equip) ourselves with the same mind.

**1 Peter 3:14**

**Matthew 5:10-12**

**Ephesians 4:17-24**

#### 3. The person with the mind of Christ has ceased from sin.

**Romans 6:1-2, 11, 14**

#### A. We must develop the mind of Christ. It happens by the reading of scripture on a regular basis – that's who we are now!

## We Have a New Way of Life

### 1. We no longer live for the lusts of men.

**1 Peter 4:2-4**

**1 John 2:15-17**

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.

### 2. We now live for the will of God

**1 Peter 4:2**

### 3. We will be considered evil and spoken evil of. Even suffering for doing that which is good in God's sight.

**1 Peter 3:17**

**1 Peter 4:4**

## Conclusion

### 1. The greatest decision that any one of us has made or can make is to put Christ on in baptism.

A. Once we made that decision, we tell God that we are now going to live for Him all the remaining days of our life.

1) Because we realize that we can only have an eternal home with the Lord IF we do the will of God in our daily life and service.

### 2. Let us never forget:

A. That we have entered a new world.

B. We have a new mind.

C. We have a new way of life.

