"Equipped with Purpose"

Text: I Peter 4:1-6 Scripture reading: II Corinthians 10:1-6

I. The believer's imitation of Christ – vv. 1-2

A) Determined to _____ like _____ - vs. 1 (I Pet. 2:24; I Jn. 1:6-8; 2:1, 4-5)

B) Determined to _____ in God's _____ - vs. 2

II. The believer's end of sinful desires – vv. 3-4

A) Responding to _____ _____ - vs. 3 (Hymn #491)

B) Responding to _____ _____ - vs. 4 (Jn. 3:20)

III. The believer's trust in God's judgment – vv. 5-6

A) Assured that _____ will be _____ - vs. 5

B) Assured that the _____ provides _____ eternal – vs. 6

Conclusion: Imitate Christ? What was His purpose in suffering?
-Luke 22:42 = Christ _____ Himself to do _____ _____

-Isaiah 50:7 = Christ _____ to suffer for _____

-I Peter 2:22 = Christ _____ without _____

-I Peter 2:23 = Christ _____ Himself to His _____

-I Peter 2:24 = Christ suffered that we would _____ ____ _____ and _____ ____ _____

"A cross without a Christ never made any man better, but with Christ, saints are much the better for the cross. Hath God put you so many times into the furnace, and yet is not the dross separated? The more afflictions you have been under, the more assistance you have had for this life of holiness." -John Flavel; English Puritan minister; 1627-1691

SERMON QUOTES:

II. The believer's end of sinful desires – vv. 3-4
A) Responding to _____ _____ - vs. 3

Hymn #491, **Rise Up, O Men of God**
"*Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things. Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings*."

III. The believer's trust in God's judgment – vv. 5-6
B) Assured that the _____ provides _____ eternal – vs. 6

Pastor John MacArthur,
"*Peter's point is that believers, even under unjust treatment – including death – should be willing and unafraid to suffer, knowing that all death can do is triumphantly bring their eternal spirits into everlasting life in heaven*."