

Because Of The Cross

HAVE THE MIND (ATTITUDE) OF CHRIST

•1 Peter 4:1-11

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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. ⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse 1 tells us to be 'armed' with the same attitude as Christ. What is the Attitude (mind) of Christ?

- Be determined in fulfilling your mission.

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

- ‘**Armed**’ (against the gates of Hell)’, **resolute** in following Jesus vs 1

Philippians 2:5 *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ*

Jesus...

- Be determined to be **Holy, to do the will of God.** VSS 2-6

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.*

- ‘Determined’ to **obey** The Father, to offer Himself to save you. “...*Jesus set his face to Jerusalem...*” vs 2

...but rather for the will of God

Isaiah 50:5-9

⁵ *The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.* ⁶ *I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.*

⁷ *Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.*

Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ *He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me?*

Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

⁹ *It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?*

They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Luke 9:51-56 (NKJV)

⁵¹ *Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that **He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,*** ⁵² *and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.* ⁵³ *But they did not receive Him, because **His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.*** ⁵⁴ *And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them,*

just as Elijah did?”⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.” And they went to another village.

- Motivation for being ‘armed with the attitude of Christ’:
vs 6 ‘...judgment...’

vs 7 *The end of all things is near.*

- Be nice! Vs 9 (Also see Philippians 2:6-8)

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

The child’s prayer: “Dear God, Please help the bad people be good. And, help the good people be nice.”

- Be committed to the **Word of God**. Vs 11

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

- Be Committed to **Serve** in the Strength of God. Vs 11

If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides...

- Be Committed to **Worship** vs 11

...so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.