

The key to victorious living

1 Peter 4:1-6

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Jesus experienced ridicule, loneliness, poverty, pain, and death for the sake of the world, at the hands of those in the world.

Through the cross Jesus has broken the curse of sin, and by embracing the cross we demonstrate that we have broken with sin.

6 Characteristics of Victorious Living:

1. Embrace the cross of Christ over the acceptance of the world
2. Empowered by the Holy Spirit
3. Dependent on prayer
4. Armed with theological truths, rather than your feelings.
5. Surprising self control
6. Holy and Happy

"Dear ones, I long for a sight of your dear faces, but I fear we shall not meet on earth. I am preparing for the end very quietly and calmly. The Lord is wonderfully near, and He will not fail me. I was very restless and excited while there seemed a chance of life, but God has taken away that feeling, and now I just pray for grace to meet the terrible end bravely. The pain will soon be over, and oh the sweetness of the welcome above!

My little baby will go with me. I think God will give it to me in heaven and my dear mother will be so glad to see us. I cannot imagine the Savior's welcome. Oh, that will compensate for all these days of suspense. Dear ones, live near to God and cling less closely to earth. There is no other way by which we can receive that peace from God which passeth understanding. I must keep calm and still these hours. I do not regret coming to China." - Lizzie Atwater

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