



"Armed for Suffering" (Part 3)

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1 Peter 4:3-5



1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **2** for as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men but for the will of God. **3** For the time already past is sufficient [for you] to have carried out the desires of the pagans, while having pursued licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, partying, drinking binges, and lawless idolatries. **4** In this they are ever surprised that you do not run with [them] into the same flood of debauchery, [and] they blaspheme

[you]. **5** But they will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** [The Gospel] for this purpose has been preached even to the dead that although they are judged according to the flesh as men, they may live by the Spirit according to [the will of] God.

– 1 Peter 4:1-6, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

The Passage is Also Found on Page 182 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

Introduction:

"The time for sinning is past, the time for suffering is now, so suffer well"

I. What Does it Mean to be Armed for the Purpose of Suffering? (vv. 1-6)

A. We Have Clothed Ourselves With The Attitude of Christ (v 1a)

B. We Have Parted Ways With Our Past Life of Sin (v 1b)

C. We Are Engaged in the Pursuit of God's Will, Not Our Own (v 2)

D. We Know the Season for Sinning is _____ (v 3)

E. We Walk Out Of Step With the _____ (v 4a)

1. The Bible says much about our "walk" (1 John 1:6-7; 2:6; Ephesians 4:17)

2. Note the world's "surprise"

a. The pagans are astonished that you are no longer like them!

3. The word "debauchery" is asōtia (ἀσωτία)

F. We _____ the Scorn of Men (v 4b-5)

1. Here is the world's "slander" (cf. 2:12; 3:16)

2. But the reality behind the persecution is that they are in fact fighting against the One with Whom they will have give an account (v. 5)

a. That Judge will be Whom?

Conclusion: