



The Path of Victorious Suffering

1 Peter 4:1-6




A photograph of two clenched fists, one on the left and one on the right, wearing silver metal handcuffs. The fists are raised and clenched, symbolizing strength, resistance, or suffering. The background is a plain, light gray color.

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us to suffer righteously




Armed for Suffering (vv. 1-2)



The best way to prepare for
persecution and suffering is
to **think like Christ**

Though He was a Son, yet **He**
learned obedience by the things
which He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8



**Suffering should eliminate,
not excuse, sinful behavior
in our lives**



Forsaking Pagan Party Life (vv. 3-4)

A photograph of a large crowd of people, likely in a church or a religious gathering, with their hands raised in the air. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source creating a soft glow and highlighting the silhouettes of the hands and arms. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the collective gesture of the crowd.

Trials make us conscious of the
limited time we have on earth
to live for God

A photograph of a large crowd of people, likely in a church, with their hands raised in the air. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source in the background, possibly a window or a stage light, creating a hazy, atmospheric effect. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Christ calls us to **radical discipleship**
that sets us apart from the radical
depravity of our culture



Lewdness

Lusts

Drunkenness

Revelries

Drinking
Parties

Idolatries

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

A photograph of a large crowd of people, likely in a church, with their hands raised in the air. The scene is dimly lit with warm, golden light, possibly from candles or stage lights, creating a spiritual atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

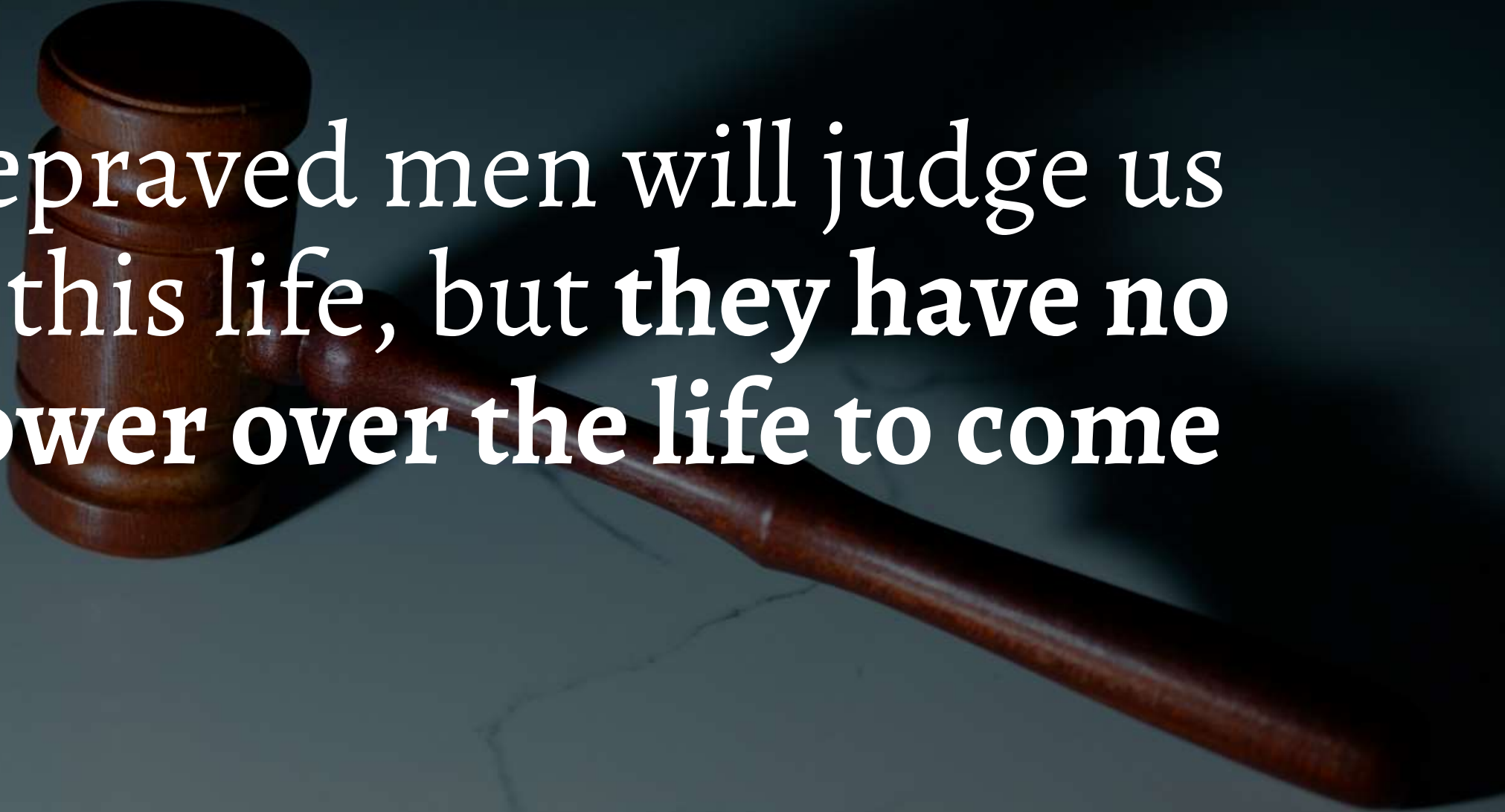
Our determination to be different
as followers of Christ only puts us
more at odds with the world



Judged by Man
or Alive by
God? (vv. 5-6)

A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its head on the left and its handle extending towards the bottom right. The gavel is made of dark wood and has a smooth, polished finish. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a table or a wall, with some faint, light-colored lines or cracks visible. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wood and the grain of the handle.

God's justice does not end at
the grave. **There is a final
reckoning coming.**

A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across the frame, resting on a dark, textured surface. The gavel's head is on the left, and its handle extends towards the bottom right. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the wood's grain and the gavel's form against a dark background.

Depraved men will judge us
in this life, but **they have no
power over the life to come**

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