

Live in the Spirit

1 Peter 4:1-6

1. Christ _____ in the Flesh (v. 1-2)
 - a. We _____ ourselves with similar thought
 - b. The Suffering One has _____ sin
 - c. We live no longer in the _____ of men

2. Our Past Sins Were _____! (v. 3-4)
 - a. In their _____ purpose
 - b. In their _____ indulgence
 - c. In their _____ idolatry
 - d. In their _____ decay

3. The Judge Is _____ (v. 5-6)
 - a. To judge the _____
 - b. To judge the _____
 - c. To _____ believers

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."
(Ephesians 6:13)

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."
(Acts 17:30-31)

For Further Study

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Read Ephesians 6:10-11.

1. "Arm yourselves." Does Peter mean the same thing that Paul did? What is the "same way of thinking" that Christ displayed?
2. How does this "stop sin?" Who has stopped sin?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-17.

1. What change happens in the believer?
2. Does this mean we don't sin anymore?
3. What is the difference, then?

Read Ephesians 4:17-24.

1. Why is the New Testament so intent on citing the difference between pagan living and Christian living?
2. Does this dichotomy, this sense of two ways of living, still exist within our current culture?

Read Acts 19:23-27.

1. Why do you suppose unbelievers find it so difficult to accept changes in the lifestyle of believers?
2. In the situation at Ephesus in Acts 19, the main concern at first was the economic impact of abandoning the worship of the idol Artemis. But when he got the people riled up, there were two other big things: the sensual sins accompanying Artemis worship and the pressure to conform to community worship or values. Which of these three things do you think is the biggest barrier in our own culture to interactions between believers and unbelievers?

Read Acts 10:42-43.

Why should the coming judgment spur us on to Godly living?