"Our Commitment As A Christian"

Mission Bible Study

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1 Peter 4:1-11

4 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

² That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

³For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

1 Peter 4:1-11 (Continued)

⁵ Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

⁶ For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

⁷But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

⁸ And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:1-11 (Continued)

⁹Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Focus #1: The Character Of A Christian

- Suffering allows us to be like Christ for He also suffered
- We can overcome sin and suffering by focusing on Christ and not the situation

Focus # 2: The Transformation Of A Christian

- After we accept Christ in our lives, our spiritual level will also change
- We become mature in Christian living
- We should encourage new Believers in Christ persevere when they meet objection from peers and the world

Focus #3: Life Does Not Stop After Our Physical Death

- We need to remember that we will be judged fairly by God after our physical death
- We need to live for Christ daily to spread the Good News that we have a eternal reward in heaven as long as we live for Christ and be obedient
- Make your life count by using your time, talent, and treasure to build the Kingdom of God and not tear it down
- Temporary pleasure is far dangerous to live than to live by God's direction of being obedient to Him