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Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: "Armed with Attitude... just like Jesus"

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-6

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INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 4:1a -

THE BIG POINT: When faced with any trial or hardship, we should meet that trial armed with the attitude of Jesus, armed with 'the way of thinking' that Jesus Himself possessed.

Philippians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Romans 12:2 -

I. ARMED WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST

1 Peter 4:1 -

1) Your VICTORY over sin is guaranteed in Christ!

Note: In the 1st half of verse 1, Peter is reminding us that there was purpose in Jesus' suffering.

Hebrews 12:2; Psalm 30:5 -

Note: In the 2nd half of verse 1, Peter is describing our definitive break with sin. (Those in Christ are dead to sin!)

Romans 6:7-8 -

Note: At the end of verse 1, Peter uses the PERFECT TENSE of the verb form "has ceased" from sin. This shows PAST action that has ONGOING EFFECT in the PRESENT.

1 Peter 4:2-4 -**2) Your WITNESS (as a Christ-follower) IS impactful and, at times, even shocking!**

Note: All the areas of sin that Peter mentions describe a destructive and unrestrained life.

Note: To live for the will of God is not drudgery, it is not misery, and it is not boring. To live for the will of God is to embrace the beauty, the purpose, and the significance of your very existence!

John 4:34; 1 John 2:17 -

Note: It's surprising and offensive when you refuse to live for what the world prizes and praises.

1 Peter 4:5-6 -**3) Your CERTAINTY towards the future is both sobering and joy-producing!**

Hebrews 10:31; 2 Timothy 2:24-26 -

Note: Be encouraged! Be strengthened! Be comforted! The “dead” in Christ (though judged and despised by the world) are not really dead; they are alive, sharing in the very life of God!

“The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, JUST AS THEY honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever HEARS My word and BELIEVES Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:22-24)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What are we commanded to be “armed” with in verse 1? Why is this so important?
2. What does it mean to live for the will of God? How do we do that? How can we know God’s will?
3. Why would unbelievers “malign” us (verse 4)? How should we respond when this happens?
4. How are verses 5 and 6 both sobering and joy-producing?
5. What do you think God wants you to do in response to this text?