

1 Peter 4:1-11: "Source & Specifics of Sanctified Living for the Glory of God"

- I. **1:1-2: Opening:** Apostolic Greeting and Benediction
- II. **1:3-12: Gospel Indicatives:** Foundation: What true grace has done for us
- III. **1:13-5:11: The Gospel Imperatives:** What true grace does in and through us
 - A. **1:13-2:3:** God-focused Piety: God-like Holiness; Fear of Father; Born-again Love
 - B. **2:4-10:** Privileges & Responsibilities of Believers as God's New Covenant Israel: Temple & Priesthood
 - C. **2:11-3:7:** The Grace of Christian Submission: Civil, Domestic, Marital
 - D. **[3:8-5:11] The Grace of Christian Sanctity, Suffering and Service**
 1. **[3:8-12] Sanctity:** Do God's will in relationships w/God's people & "enemy" outsiders
 2. **[3:13-22] Suffering** for the sake of righteousness
 3. **[4:1-19] Sanctity in Suffering and Serving**
 - a. **[4:1-6] The SOURCE of Sanctified Living for the Glory of God**
 - 1) **[1-2] The HOW of Sanctified Living: Union with Christ**
 - a) **[1a] Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh ,...**
 - b) **[1b] arm yourselves with the same way of thinking [via "unio mystica"]**
 - i) **[1c-2a] because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men...**
 - ii) **[2c] but for the will of God [cf., 2:24; Rom 6:1-13; 8:11-13]**
 - This is not to be understood as sinless perfection [cf. I John 1:8, 10]
 - 2) **[3-6] Reasons to pursue sanctified living**
 - a) **[3-4] You've wasted enough of your life in days of your "BC" condition**
 - i) **[3] doing what pagans[lit., Gentiles] choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing & detestable idolatry [cf, I Cor 6:9ff]**
 - ii) **[4] They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you**
 - b) **[5-6] There is an inescapable, universal Judgment Day looming ahead**
 - i) **[5] they will give account to Him Who is ready to judge the living & dead**
 - **Mt 12:36f; Father: Mt 18:23; Son: Jn 5:22, 26-29; Acts 17:31; Ro 2:16**
 - ii) **[6] The only escape is by the Gospel: For this reason the gospel was also preached to those who are [now] dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. [cf, Jn 5:25f]**
- Is your heart desire to cease sin & do God's will or is it to do the desires of your heart?
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- Have you embraced Jesus Christ by faith as your personal Lord and Savior? Why wait?
 - b. **[4:7-11] The WHAT of Sanctified Living: The SPECIFIC Fruit of Spirit**
 - 1) **[7] PRAYING: The end of all things is at hand [no other Redemptive Event before 2nd Coming]; therefore, be sound-minded and vigilant in your prayers**
- What does your prayer life indicate is the priority you put on prayer?
 - 2) **[8-9] LOVING: Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, b/c love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another w/o complaint.**
 - 3) **[10-11a] SERVING: Every Xn is "charismatic" As each has received a gift [charismata] & a "deacon" use it to serve [diakoneo] one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: If speaking, as the oracles of God; if serving, as out of strength God supplies**
- How faithful a steward of God's grace to the Body are you being thru your gifted service
 - c. **[4:11b] The WHY of Sanctified Living: so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to Whom belongs the glory & dominion forever & ever. Amen!**
- How great is your desire to glorify God in the HOW? WHAT? and WHY? of Sanctified Living?

