



## **1 Peter**

### **Living for God**

Session 7

We are identified with Christ in his suffering and death, and therefore we can have victory over sin. As we yield ourselves to God and have the same attitude toward sin that Jesus had, we can overcome the old life and manifest the new life.

Read 1 Peter 4:1-3

Suffering, plus Christ in our lives, can help us have victory over sin.

Question: How is Jesus and your relationship with him helping you be victorious over sin in your life?

If we do the will of God, then we will invest “the rest of our time” in that which is lasting and satisfying, but if we give in to the world around us, we will waste “the rest of our time” and regret it when we stand before Christ.

Question: Do you have an anxiousness in your soul to do the will of God for your life?

Question: When you look back on your life and its sin, how does that motivate you to look forward and become the man God has called you to be today?

Read 1 Peter 4:4-6

We must be patient toward the lost, even though we do not agree with their lifestyles or participate in their sins. After all, unsaved people are blind to spiritual truth.

Question: Have you had former friends ask you why you don't participate any longer in the parties you once attended? Do they see radical changes in your life and lifestyle?

It's important to stay in contact with the lost. For them we are bearers of the truth they need.

Question: How often do you pray for those around you that are spiritually Lost? Are you ready with the Gospel Message that changed your life?

Read 1 Peter 4:7

Christians in the early church believed Christ was returning soon in their generation. Every generation since has thought the same.

Question: How earnest are you in your prayer life? What disciplines do you take in your prayers?

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11

Our Christian love should not only be fervent and forgiving, but it should be practical. We should share our homes with generous hospitality.

Question: Have you shared your home with generous hospitality to another person? Give examples of your hospitality.

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11

Peter mentions 2 spiritual gifts here. The gift of speaking and the gift of helping others. In essence he was saying Christian love must result in service. It builds up the church.

Question: What is your spiritual gift? We are stewards of those gifts, right? Are you developing that gift?

Assignment: How are you in being an overcomer of sin that tries to control our lives? Take time to look at and fervently go into prayer asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength.

Next week: Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 When Ridiculed