

STUDYING 1 PETER 4

(1) In your group read aloud the chapter (1 Peter 4) that you are about to study in a translation of your choice. As a group discuss the general content of that chapter.

(2) Read and Discuss each verse or verses in the *King James Version* and *The Simplified King James Versions* (as well as additional translations of your choice) marked by: ::::::::::> READ THE FOLLOWING: and <::::::::: STOP, DISCUSS OR COMMENT.

(3) Answer the Study Questions by going to the appropriate Scriptures. Then discuss with your group. (An 'Answer Key' to the Questions can be found at the end of each chapter).

THE SIMPLIFIED KING JAMES VERSION AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

I PETER CHAPTER 4

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 1-3

::::::::> READ THE FOLLOWING:

1PE 4:[1] 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. **[3]** For 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: **(King James Version)**

1PE 4:[1] Forasmuch then as [Since] **Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh** [in his human body], **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind** [take on the same mind and arm yourselves with the same resolution]: **for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin** [for if you suffer in your body for the cause of Christ, you have obviously cut yourself off from a life of sin]; **[2] That he no longer should live** [spend life] **the rest of his time** [his remaining time] **in the flesh to the lusts of men** [controlled by evil longings], **but to the will of God.** **[3] For the time past of our life may suffice** [is sufficient enough] **us to have wrought** [for us to have performed] **the will of the Gentiles** [the heathen], **when we walked** [lived] **in lasciviousness** [unbridled lust], **lusts** [evil longings], **excess of wine** [drunkenness], **revellings** [rioting],

banqueting [carousing and wild parties], **and abominable** [unlawful] **idolatrics** [idolatry]: **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1PE 4:[1] Since Christ hath suffered for us in his human body, take on the same mind and arm yourselves with the same resolution: for if you suffer in your flesh *for the cause of Christ*, you have obviously cut yourself off from a life of sin. **[2]** *That person* has shown that he intends to live the rest of his life for the will of God rather than fulfilling the evil desires of men. **[3]** You have spent enough time in the past doing what the heathen do, living in unbridled lust, evil longings, drunkenness, rioting, carousing, wild parties, and unlawful idolatry. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in **a translation (s) of your choice**. Then stop and discuss.

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ANSWER THE STUDY QUESTIONS BY GOING TO THE APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURES. SOME QUESTIONS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER. AN ANSWER KEY IS SUPPLIED AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER.

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-2. If we are willing to suffer for the cause of Christ we have obviously cut ourselves off from a life of sin. True or False.

2. Read 1 Peter 4:3. We have spent enough time in the past doing: a. what God wants us to do. b. what Jesus commanded us to do. c. what the heathen do.

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 4-6

1PE 4: [4] Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: **[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. **(King James Version)**

1PE 4: [4] **Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot** [Now your old friends think it strange that you no longer join them in the same excess of loose living], **speaking evil of you** [speaking reproachful and harsh words about you]: **[5] Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead** [But they must give account *of themselves* to God, who will judge those who are alive and those who have died *when Christ returns*]. **[6] For for this cause** [For this cause] **was the gospel** [good news] **preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh** [that they might be judged as men in their bodies], **but live according to God in the spirit.** **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1PE 4: [4] Now your old friends think it strange that you no longer join them in the same excess of loose living, speaking reproachful and harsh words about you: **[5]** But they must give account *of themselves* to God, who will judge those who are alive and those who have died *when Christ returns*. **[6]** For this cause was the gospel preached [*to those who believed and later died, that they might have eternal life with God*] or (For this is why the good news (the Gospel) was preached [in their lifetime] even to the dead, that though judged in fleshly bodies as men are, they might live in the spirit as God does. Amp., Translation). **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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3. Read 1 Peter 4:4. Your old friends think: a. what a great thing has happened to you since you turned to Christ for salvation. b. we should be Christians too! c. it is strange that you no longer join them in the excess of loose living, and they speak evil of you.

4. Read 1 Peter 4:5. God will judge those who are alive and those who have died when Christ returns. True or False.

5. Read 1 Peter 4:6 from several translations. What possible interpretations are there of this verse?

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 **VERSES 7-9**

1PE 4: [7] But 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. **[9]** Use hospitality one to another without grudging. **(King James Version)**

1PE 4: [7] **But the end of all things is at hand** [But the termination of all things is near]: **be ye therefore sober** [therefore exercise self control], **and watch unto prayer** [and look in anticipation and pray]. **[8]** **And above all things have** [present tense – and continue to have] **fervent** [sincere] **charity** [Gk. *agape* love] **among yourselves: for charity** [*agape* love] **shall cover** [hide and veil] **the multitude of sins.** **[9]** **Use hospitality** [Offer your homes and be generous to guests] **one to another without grudging** [without murmuring and complaining]. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1PE 4: [7] Now the termination of all things is near: therefore exercise self control, and look in anticipation and pray. **[8]** And above all things have and continue to have

sincere agape love among yourselves: for agape love shall cover, hide and veil the multitude of sins. **[9]** Offer your homes to one another and be generous to your guests. *Do this* without murmuring and complaining. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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6. Read 1 Peter 4:7. The end of this world [age] is near. Therefore we are to: a. eat, drink, and be merry. b. exercise self control. c. look in anticipation and pray.

7. Read 1 Peter 4:8. God's kind of love covers: a. our traffic tickets. b. our sins. c. our credit card bills.

8. Read 1 Peter 4:9. We are to show hospitality to one another without: a. getting paid for it. b. murmuring and complaining.

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 10-11

1PE 4: [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. **(King James Version)**

1PE 4: [10] As [In proportion and according as] **every man hath received the gift** [the free gift], **even so minister the same one to another** [administer and serve one another], **as good stewards** [as good managers] **of the manifold grace of God** [the many and various forms of the grace of God]. **[11] If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God** [the words and utterances of God]; **if any man minister** [serves], **let him do it as of the ability which God giveth** [supplies]: **that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever** [power and glory belong to Him forever and ever]. **Amen. (The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1PE 4: [10] In proportion and according as everyone has received a special grace gift, administer and serve these gifts to one another, as good managers of the many and various forms of the grace of God. **[11]** If any person speaks, let them speak the words and utterances of God; if anyone serves, let them serve out of the ability that God supplies: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Power and glory belong to Him forever and ever. Amen. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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9. Read 1 Peter 4:10. Every disciple of Jesus Christ has received: a. some money to spend. b. a free Bible. c. a special, free, grace gift from God.

10. Read 1 Peter 4:10. God's gifts of grace come: a. only to the pastors. b. only to the rich and famous. c. in many and various forms to His people.

11. Read 1 Peter 4:11. Christians that speak before others are responsible to speak: a. their own philosophies and views. b. what their denomination tells them. c. the very words and utterances of God.

12. Read 1 Peter 4:11. Those that serve God and others must serve: a. every Sunday. b. the pastor first. c. out of the ability that God gives and supplies.

13. Read 1 Peter 4:11. God in all things should be glorified. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSES 12-13

1PE 4: [12] Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: **[13]** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. **(King James Version)**

1PE 4: [12] Beloved, think it not strange [to be shocked, surprised or astonished] concerning the fiery trial which is to try you [concerning the calamities or trials that test you], as though some strange thing happened unto you [as though something strange, abnormal, or unusual were happening unto you]: **[13]** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye [because of the fact that you] are partakers [participants] of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed [manifested], ye [you] may be glad also with exceeding joy. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1 PE 4:[12] Beloved, do not be surprised or astonished concerning the calamities or trials that test you, as though something strange, or abnormal were happening unto you: **[13]** But rejoice, because of the fact that you are partakers [to some degree] of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be manifested and revealed, you may be glad [for sharing in his glory] with exceeding joy. [See Rom. 8:17-18] **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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14. Read 1 Peter 4:12. When trials come to test our faith we should: a. be surprised. b. not be surprised. c. conclude that we are out of God's will.

15. Read 1 Peter 4:13. We should rejoice when we share in Christ's sufferings. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 **VERSES 14-18**

1PE 4: [14] If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. **[15]** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. **[16]** Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. **[17]** For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? **[18]** And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? **(King James Version)**

1PE 4: [14] If ye be reproached for the name of Christ [If you are criticized, shamed or disgraced because you follow Christ] **happy are ye** [you are fortunate]; **for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of** [those people speak evil of Christ], **but on your part he is glorified** [but your life glorifies Him]. **[15]** **But let none of you suffer** [If you should suffer, it should not be] **as a murderer, or as a thief** [that is, stealing], **or as an evildoer** [or doing evil], **or as a busybody in other men's matters** [or being a meddler in other men's affairs]. **[16]** **Yet if any man suffer as a Christian** [a follower of Christ], **let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf** [but let him glorify God that he suffers for that name]. **[17]** **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God** [with God's own family] (See Heb. 12:7): **and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?** [what shall be the outcome of those that do not obey the gospel of God? (See Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46) **[18]** **And if the righteous scarcely** [Gk. *molis*, not easily, with difficulty] **be saved** [present tense], **where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?** [future tense] **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1PE 4: [14] If you are criticized, shamed or disgraced because you follow Christ, you are fortunate; for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. Those people speak evil of Christ, but your life glorifies Him. **[15]** If you should suffer, it should not be for murder, stealing, or doing evil, or being a meddler in other men's affairs. **[16]** Never be ashamed if you suffer for being a follower of Christ. Instead, glorify God that you suffer for that name. [See Acts 5:40-41]. **[17]** For the time is come that judgment must begin

with God's own family (See Heb. 12:7): and if it first begins with us, what shall be the outcome of those who do not obey the gospel of God? (See Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46)

[18] IF IT IS VERY HARD FOR A RIGHTEOUS PERSON TO BE SAVED, WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE UNGODLY AND SINNER? PROV. 11:31. (The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)

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16. Read 1 Peter 4:14. When you are criticized, shamed or disgraced for following Christ: a. you are fortunate because the spirit of glory and God rests upon you. b. your life glorifies Him. c. you are not in faith.

17. Read 1 Peter 4:15. If you suffer as a Christian, it should be: a. for doing what is right and good. b. for doing what is evil and wrong.

18. Read 1 Peter 4:16. We should never be ashamed for being a follower of Christ. True or False.

19. Read 1 Peter 4:17. God will discipline His children, but what will happen to those who do not obey the gospel of God? See Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46.

20. Read 1 Peter 4:18. According to this verse, should we be serious about following Jesus or should we be unconcerned?

1 PETER CHAPTER 4 VERSE 19

1PE 4: [19] Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. **(King James Version)**

1PE 4: [19] Wherefore let them that suffer [present tense] according to the will of God commit [entrust] the keeping of their souls [themselves] to him in well doing [in doing right], as unto a faithful Creator. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1PE 4: [19] So when you suffer for doing the will of God, entrust yourselves to the Faithful Creator, and persevere in doing right. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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21. Read 1 Peter 4:19. If we suffer as a Christian, it must be for doing the will of God and persevering in doing right. True or False.

Again, read this chapter (1 Peter 4) in a translation of your choice (or in the Simplified King James Version – Paraphrased, at the end of this book) and as a group discuss its contents.

ANSWER KEY

(1 Peter Chapter 4)

Discover the answers by going to the appropriate Scriptures.

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- 5. Read 1 Peter 4:6 from several translations.** What possible interpretations are there of this verse? Those who are spiritually dead in sin, those who heard and believed the gospel but have since died, those who died without hearing or believing the gospel, etc.
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- 21. Read 1 Peter 4:19.** If we suffer as a Christian, it must be for doing the will of God and persevering in doing right. True or False.

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