

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

New Life, New Lifestyle

1 Peter 4.1-6

1. A Change in Attitude, v1

*Arm yourself with the same attitude
towards sin that Jesus had*

➤ *The significance of Christ's sufferings*

he suffered in his body (he died)

and is done with sin

he bore our sins in his own body: 2.24

he answered up for them

- on our behalf, as our representative;

he accepted the death sentence they deserved

- in our place, as our substitute 3.18

he did all this to bring us to God

we too should view sin

as something to be defeated

Rom 6.1,10-14

1. A Change in Attitude, v1 (cont)

- ***The significance of Christ's resurrection***
he lived to do God's will – as always
John 8.29; Mat 3.17
we too should live to do God's will 2.24;
Eph 2.10

- ***The significance of Christian baptism***
our formal, personal response to God
Christ died for me 3.18
Christ lives in me 1.3

attitudes shape actions

2. A Changed Lifestyle, vs2-4

➤ *Then and now*

our past life – following basic instincts

1 Cor 6.9-11

saved from wastefulness v4; 1.14-15,18

saved for usefulness Eph 2.10; 4.17-24

➤ *Abuse from former friends*

our change will prick their conscience

2 Peter 3.3-6

3. A Changed Destiny, vs5-6

➤ ***We are personally accountable v5***

Jesus will be our Judge

Acts 17.31; Heb 9.27; 4.13

John 5.22; Rom 2.16; 14.12

Mat 12.36-37; 2 Cor 5.10

Eccles 11.9;12.14

➤ ***We are offered, and need, salvation v6***

through Jesus, as our Saviour 3.18

Rom 3.10,23; 8.1; John 5.24

death for the Christian is the gateway to life

Phil 1.21; 2 Cor 5.8