

Arm Yourselves for the Battle

1st Peter 4:1-6
(series #20)

Intro: the brevity of this life - James 4:14

I. The Importance of Attitude v. 1

- A. The example of Christ (3:13-22)
- B. The expectation to suffer
- C. The purifying effect of suffering

II. The Importance of a Changed Life vv. 2-5

- A. Living for the will of God v. 2
 - 1. 2nd Corinthians 5:15
 - 2. Romans 6:11
 - 3. 1st Corinthians 6:19-20
 - 4. Romans 12:2
 - 5. 1st Thessalonians 4:3

B. Breaking from our past v. 3

C. Resisting peer pressure v. 4

III. The Importance of a Future Perspective vv. 5-6

- A. All unbelievers will be judged
 - 1. John 5:24
 - 2. Rev. 20:11-15

B. This is why the gospel was preached to those who are now dead (martyred)

Conclusion: Acts 7:59