

the living and the dead =

- believers (spiritually living) and unbelievers (spiritually dead)?*
- unbelievers who are either (physically) alive or dead?*
- believers and unbelievers who are either (physically) alive or dead?*

...for this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead

those who are dead =

- those who are (physically) dead?*
- those who are (spiritually) dead?*
- those who are now (physically) dead but weren't at the time they were preached to?*

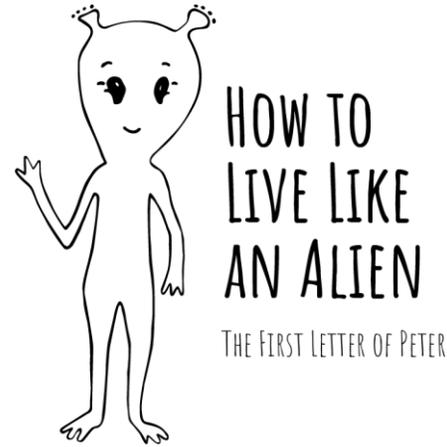
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that though

judged in the flesh the way people are (or, judged in the flesh according to humans; See 1 Peter 4:4)

they might live in the spirit the way God does (or, live in the spirit according to God; See 1 Peter 3:18)



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How to Live Like an Alien
The First Letter of Peter

No. 22 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God’s People, pt. 10

1 Peter 4:1-6

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Review

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praising God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Setting Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Growing in God’s Word (1:22-2:3)
- Being Built Up as a Spiritual House (2:4-8, 9-10)
- Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God’s People (2:9-10, 11-12)
 - Being Subject as Citizens to Human Authorities (2:13-17)
 - Being Subject as Servants to Our Masters (2:18-25)
 - Being Subject as Wives to Their Husbands (3:1-6)
 - Being Considerate as Husbands to Their Wives (3:7)
 - Being Considerate as Believers to Each Other (3:8-12)
 - Being Committed to Doing Good No Matter What (3:13-17)

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1 Peter 4:1-6

ESV **1 Peter** ^{3:17} For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will... ¹⁸ **For Christ also suffered** once for sins... ^{4:1} **Since therefore Christ suffered** in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³ The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

Keeping our conduct honorable as God's people...

We must be committed to ceasing from sin (4:1-6)

We must approach *our* suffering like Christ approached His
Christ's suffering gives us the determination to cease from sinning

'Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin...' (v. 1)

'Since therefore...' (v. 1)

'arm yourselves with the same way of thinking...'

What is the 'same way of thinking'?

'for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin...'

Who had the 'same way of thinking'?

'since...Christ suffered in the flesh...'

suffered

in the flesh

Because of Christ's suffering, I can approach my suffering with a determination to cease from sinning.

How?

By seeking to live for God's will.

'so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh...' (v. 2)

...no longer for human passions

...but for the will of God

By breaking from my life as an unbeliever.

'The time that is past suffices...' (v. 3)

...for doing what the Gentiles want to do

...living in

sensuality

passions

drunkenness

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and lawless idolatry

By expecting unbelievers to respond negatively towards me.

'With respect to this...' (v. 4)

...they are **surprised** when you do not join them

...and they **malign** you

By banking on God's future judgment on all people.

'but they will give account to him who is ready to judge...'

...him who is ready to judge the living and the dead...'

who is ready to judge

ESV **1 Peter 1:17** And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.

ESV **1 Peter 2:23** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.