



All for God's Glory PART I (1 Peter 4:1-6)

Reminder on Chapter 4 what Peter means when it begins with **therefore**: *“For **Christ also suffered** once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,” 1 Peter 3:18 NKJV*

Enough with the Ways of the Gentiles

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be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." I Peter 4:1-6 NKJV

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☑ Since Christ Suffered—be ready for the same

☑ **If it was good for Him...** "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, **to make** the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings.**" Hebrews 2:10

☑ **It is good for you...** "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.** If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because

they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, **but now they have no excuse for their sin.** He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'" John 15:18-25 NKJV

☑ **And it will all be worth it!** "For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared** with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18 NKJV

☑ **Cease from sin—no longer live in the lusts of the flesh**

☑ **You do not need to live any longer according to your carnal nature:** "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me **free from the law of sin and death.** For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us **who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” Romans 8:1-14 NKJV

- ☑ **No longer sin!** “Little children, **let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. **Whoever has been born of God does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and **he cannot sin**, because he has been born of God.” I John 3:7-9 NKJV
- ☑ **The Promise:** “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life** and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**” II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV
- ☑ **The Will of God**
- ☑ **How do you know the will of God?** “Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and **know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law**, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a

light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law." Romans 2:17-20 NKJV

- ☑ **The Heart of God—not under the law:** “For sin shall not have dominion over you, **for you are not under law but under grace.** What then? **Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!** Do you not know that **to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey,** you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, **yet you obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been **set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”**

Romans 6:14-18 NKJV

- ☑ **You are “under the law” when you are sinning!** “For as many as have **sinned without law will also perish without law,** and as many as have **sinned in the law will be judged by the law** (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;” Romans 2:12-13 NKJV

- ☑ **To those “under the law”:** “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I

might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; **to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;** to those who are without law, as without law (**not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ**), that I might win those who are without law;" I Corinthians 9:19-21 NKJV

- ☑ **How do you get out from "under the law"?** "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to **redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.**" Galatians 4:4-5
- ☑ **MOST IMPORTANT! Full circle—Spirit vs. Flesh, what brings you out from "under the law"?** "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**" Galatians 5:16-18 NKJV
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☑ **The Will of the Gentiles**

☑ **No longer walk as a Gentile:** “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should **no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the **futility** of their mind, having their understanding **darkened**, being **alienated from the life of God**, because of the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart**; who, being past feeling, have **given themselves over to lewdness**, to work all uncleanness with greediness.” Ephesians 4:17-19 NKJV

☑ **The works of the Flesh:** “**Now the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, **that those who**

practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV

- ☑ **You WERE like this, but NOT anymore:** “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners **will inherit the kingdom of God.** And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” I Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV

- ☑ **Living a Life of Dissipation—Do not run the race of dissipation!**

- ☑ **Dissipate Defined:** to break up and drive off; to cause to spread thin or scatter and gradually vanish; to spend or use up wastefully or foolishly; to squander ones resources Spiritually, Emotionally, or Physically

- ☑ **Running the Race:** “Do you not know that **those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize?** Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, **but we for an**

imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I **discipline** my body and **bring it into subjection**, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." I Corinthians 9:24-27 NKJV

- ☑ **The Winning Prize:** "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; **but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and **reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize** of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind;** and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you." Philippians 3:12-15 NKJV

- ☑ **Where your treasure is...** **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.** Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

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☑ **All Will Give an Account**

☑ **Each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it!** “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. **But let each one take heed how he builds on it.** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it**, because it will be revealed by fire; and the **fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.** If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that **you are the temple of God**

and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are." I

Corinthians 3:9-17 NKJV

No Excuses

You will have no excuses when you are held

accountable: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,** who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen,** being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, **so that they are without excuse,"** Romans 1:16-20 NKJV

You thoughts will do one of two things, accuse you or excuse you! "for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, **by nature do the things in the law,** these, although

not having the law, are a law to themselves, who **show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness**, and between themselves **their thoughts accusing or else excusing them**) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel." Romans 2:14-16 NKJV

Once Dead, Now Alive

- Made Alive:** "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him**, having forgiven you all trespasses," Colossians 2:11-13 NKJV
- Made Alive while dead—by grace:** "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive** together with Christ (**by grace** you have been saved)," Ephesians 2:4-5 NKJV

☑ **Dead in your trespasses and sins; how can you LIVE IN THEM any longer?** “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, **knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.** For he who has died has been **freed from sin.** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,** but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it**

in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. **For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**" Romans 6:1-14 NKJV

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Romans 6:15-16 NKJV

- ☑ **Unfortunate for Some!**

- ☑ **Veiled to those perishing:** "But even if our gospel is veiled, **it is veiled to those who are perishing**, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." II Corinthians 4:3-4 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

All for God's Glory PART II (1 Peter 4:7-19)