

## **Breaking from Sin and Living for God**

**(1 Peter 4:1-6)**

### **I. United To Christ and Dead to Sin (4:1)**

- Readers should arm themselves with the same mindset as Christ.
- Our sin **was laid** on Him; He **carried** it to the Cross; It **is** finished.
- The mortal suffering of Jesus ended His conquest of sin & ushered in His resurrection life. He **did** it. (1 Pet. 2:24)
- Baptism: our union with Christ in His death **and** resurrection (3:21).
- When we identify with Christ in His suffering, we break with sin globally (Rom.6:8-12).
- When we follow Christ, at the cost of physical and material suffering...shows we have made a break from sin in its essential selfishness.

### **II) The Liberty of Saving Grace (4:2,3)**

- Real life begins the moment one dies to sin, and is united to Christ by faith.
- Christian is no longer to be molded by sinful passions, but by the will of God.
- Not yet perfect, but in Christ, sin can never separate him from God again.
- Christian has gained freedom to live according to God's will...transformed!
- 2 ways to live: **either** the will of God, **or** the will of the wicked/pagans.
- Freedom **from** lust and lawless idolatry, **to** live for the resurrected Lord.  
(2. Cor. 5:17)
- Breaking with the world and sin will not go unnoticed or unchallenged.

### **III) Hatred of the World and the Judgement of Christ (4:5, 6)**

- Persecution from a dark world is inevitable if you love Christ.
- Those in the world will either be brought to repentance and join you in Christ, or will hate you as they hated Christ...Blasphemy.
- God's judgement: Vindicates Christians; condemns the wicked.
- 1 Thess. 4:13 – Those who died did not miss out on the promise.
- Our Hope: Though judged in the flesh (die physically), Christians are made alive in the spirit.
- Heb. 11:37; Heb.12:1