

Adult Sunday School (1 Peter) Lesson 8

1 Pet 4:1-11: **Arm Yourselves with the Same Mind**

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Introduction

- In this section, the apostle Peter tells us what the believer needs to be equipped for a life of suffering.
- Looking to Christ brings us to the heart of the gospel. Christ is our model in our suffering – this truth brings great comfort, encouragement and direction to our souls.
- This section also brings out what the suffering of Christ has accomplished for us — that “he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14).

1. The mindset that we should arm ourselves with (v1-2)

- The need for our minds to be readied and equipped (Lk 12:35,36; Rom 12:2, Prov 23:7)
- The mind of obedience to the will of God (Phi 2:8)

2. Motives to maintain the mindset of Christ in the face of suffering for Christ (v3-7)

- Commit to no longer living in a manner that resembles your past life
- Recognize that the surprise unbelievers have concerning your conduct is an indication of the divine transformation in your heart

- Commit to living your new life in light of the coming of Christ (Titus 2:13; Matt 25)

Additional Notes:

3. The Christian community that supports and encourages such a mindset

(v8-11a)

- The directive concerning mutual, fervent love
- A community of mutual service
 - Our motivation for using our spiritual gifts
 - The governing perspective and our passion in service
 - Different types of service

4. The doxology (v11b)

- The ultimate purpose for these divine directives concerning our mindset and manner of living
 - The ultimate purpose identified – its essence and its extent
 - The governing principle
 - The ultimate purpose qualified (Heb 13:15)
 - The ultimate purpose exemplified