

# ARM YOURSELVES

A Study of 1 Peter



## **1 Peter 4**

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arm yourselves with the same way of thinking**

# 1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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**11 Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from the desires of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.**

**12 Conduct yourselves with such honor among the Gentiles that, though they slander you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.**

## Two things Peter commands us to do

1. Abstain from the desires of the flesh
2. Conduct ourselves with honor

## Three superhuman traits that Christ modeled

- **Substitution** -
- **Suffering** -
- **Submission** -



# 1 Peter 2

**13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, ...**

**... whether to the king as the supreme authority,  
14 or to governors as those sent by him to punish evildoers and praise well doers. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of foolish men.**

## 1 Peter 2

**16 Live in freedom, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.**

**17 Treat everyone with high regard: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.**



# 1 Peter 2

18 Servants, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, ...

...not only to those who are good and gentle, but even to those who are unreasonable.

19 For if anyone endures the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God, this is to be commended. 20 How is it to your credit if you are beaten for doing wrong and you endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

## 1 Peter 2

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”



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## Ephesians 2

1 As for you, you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you used to walk when you conformed to the ways of this world and of the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit who is now at work in the sons of disobedience.

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# Hebrews 13

1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ...

5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

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## Acts 19

**17** When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.

**18** Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. **19** A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. **20** In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.



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5. We submit to authorities who are "unreasonable" because it demonstrates great faith in God, which honors Him



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## **2 Timothy 1**

**12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.**

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