

## DON'T WALK LIKE YOU STARTED

I PETER 4:1-7

### Introduction:

- A. Christianity is more than a doctrine.
  - 1. Many who are dogmatic in belief and without conviction about life.
  - 2. Conversion is an experience and a doctrine.
  
- B. Peter wanted these people to keep in mind, both sides of Christianity.
  - 1. O.T. prophecy, doctrine. = 1:10-
  - 2. Now live your life with His mind because you have done enough wrong. v

### I. ARM YOURSELF WITH THE SAME MIND AS CHRIST.

- A. Christ suffered for us in the flesh.
  - 1. v3:18.
  - 2. This was to redeem us.
  
- B. We shall suffer in the flesh. v1  
Get ready for the same experiences.
  - a. arm = to prepare, get your mind right.
  - 2. It is absurd to expect to be free from the problems of life because you are a Christian.
  
- C. The suffering Christian, like the suffering Christ, has a different attitude about sin.
  - 1. v1,2 = "desire to be a sinner has ceased."
  - 2. Rom. 6:2,7.
  - 3. Gal. 5:24.
  - 4. We do not want to live in the flesh, but to do the will of God.

II. WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH WRONG. V3

- A. "The time past of our life."
  - 1. suffice = to be sufficient.
  
- B. "when we walked" leading our lives.
  - 1. in lasciviousness = steeped in sensuality.
  - 2. lusts = lustful desires.
  - 3. excess of wine = getting drunk.
  - 4. revellings = wild parties.
  - 5. banquetings = drinking bouts.
  - 6. abominable idolatries = worship of idols.

III. THE WORLD WILL NOT UNDERSTAND. V4

- A. They think it strange.
  - 1. Are astonished = former friends.
  - 2. "violent wasting of life."
  
- B. "speaking evil of you."
  - 1. "malign and verbally abuse you."

IV. THE WORLD WILL BE JUDGED. V5,6

- A. v 5 = God will judge all things!
  - 1. Living and dead.
  
- B. v 6 = The gospel is the basis of eternal judgment.

V. THINGS WON'T GO ON THIS WAY. V7

- A. Things won't keep on like they are.
  
- B. Therefore, be honest, thoughtful men of prayer.