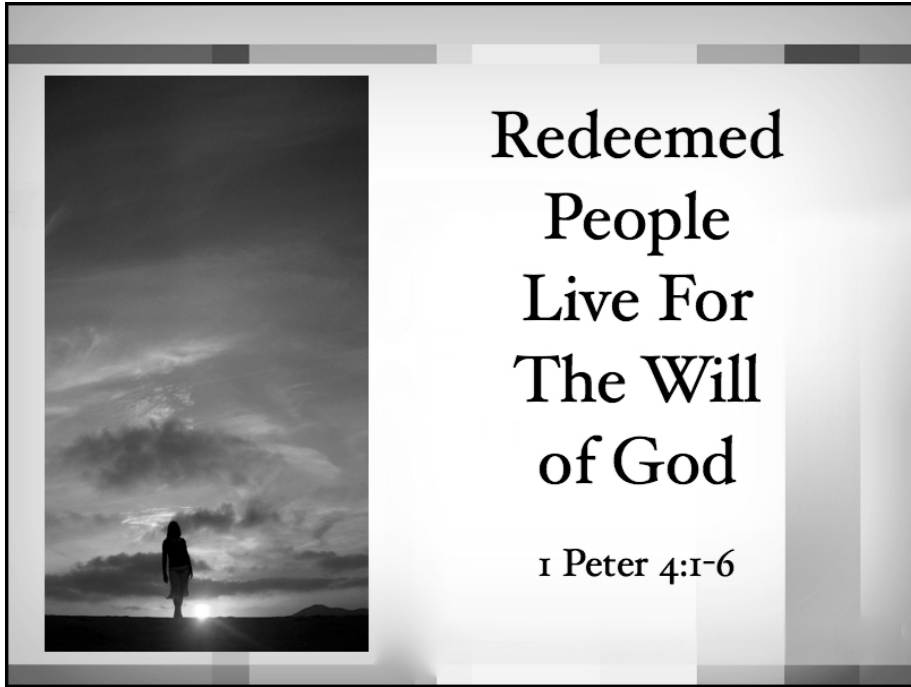


Daily Bible Study Guide for January 25–30



<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup> so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. <sup>4</sup> In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup> but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we come to church every Sunday, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God’s Word.

Monday, January 25

Read: 1 Peter 4:1–6

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

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2. What is said about Jesus?

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3. What is said about Christians?

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4. What is said about non-Christians (Gentiles)?

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5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between Jesus, Christians, and non-Christians?

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**Tuesday**, January 26

Read: 1 Peter 4:1

1. What is the word “therefore” there for?

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2. Could suffering in the flesh mean more than the crucifixion?

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3. What comes to mind when you read that we are to arm ourselves?

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4. Do you think Peter *really* meant that suffering is a part of our purpose as Christians?

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5. Discussion/Application: If suffering is a part of our purpose as Christians, why do we do so much to relieve or avoid any kind of suffering?

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**Wednesday**, January 27

Read: 1 Peter 4:1–2

1. Why are we told to arm ourselves with the purpose of suffering?

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2. Is suffering in the flesh the purpose of all Christians, or just some Christians?

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3. What, according to verse 1, is a benefit or outcome of suffering?

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4. What, according to verse 2, can happen because of suffering?

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5. Discussion/Application: Explain how verses 1 and 2 work in the real world.

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**Thursday**, January 28

Read: 1 Peter 4:3

1. Give an example of how the following behaviors are used in advertising campaigns:

Sensuality: \_\_\_\_\_

Lusts: \_\_\_\_\_

Drunkenness: \_\_\_\_\_

Carousing: \_\_\_\_\_

Drinking Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

Abominable Idolatries: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do so many advertising campaigns say about “the desire of the Gentiles”?

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3. What is meant by the first line of verse 3?

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4. How can Peter say that verse 3 is true about you, especially since he doesn't know you?

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5. Discussion/Application: In what way is the first line of verse 3 true in your life?

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**Friday**, January 29

Read: 1 Peter 4:4–5

1. Who are the “they” and the “them” in verse 4?

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2. What other words or phrases mean the same as “excesses of dissipation”?

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3. What does “malign” mean?

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4. Have you ever been maligned for choosing not to behave the way you did before you became a Christian? Do you know someone who has been maligned because they chose to honor Christ with their behaviors?

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5. Discussion/Application: What comfort do we draw from verse 5 when we, or others, are maligned for honoring Christ?

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**Saturday**, January 30

Read: 1 Peter 4:6

1. What is the gospel?

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2. For what purpose has the gospel been preached?

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3. Are the dead in this verse dead physically or spiritually?

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4. What does it mean to be judged in the flesh as men?

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5. Discussion/Application: What does it mean to live in the spirit according to the will of God?

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