

SYFC Staff Meeting

Continue doing what is good (1 Peter 4:1-11)

Introduction

(c.f. 1 Peter 3:18-22, Genesis 6:2, 2 Peter 2:4)

What does 1 Peter 3:18-22 teach about Jesus' victory?

What is the link of 1 Peter 3:18-22 to 1 Peter 4?

1) Because we are following Jesus' example (4:1-2)

(c.f. Romans 6:5-7)

What does it mean to be "armed with the same way of thinking as Christ" in suffering?

What does it mean "to be done with sin"?

How does following Jesus' example encourage Christians to persevere doing good?

2) Because those who oppose our righteous living will be judged by God (4:3-6)

What is the contrast of lifestyles before and after conversion?

What are the reactions of others to the changes in Christians' lifestyle?

What is the extent of God's judgment?

How does knowing God's judgment on those who oppose Christians' righteous living encourage us to persevere doing good?

3) Because the end is near (4:7-11)

(c.f. Proverbs 10:12)

What should the Christians be concerned with during end times?

What will result when Christians do good?

Application

1. How can I have greater resolve to continue choosing obedience, even if it means suffering?
2. What are some areas in my life that I need to show restraint or self-control in?
3. What is one instruction from the list that Peter gave in 4:7-10 that I want to work on following now?