

ARM YOURSELVES



--I Peter 4:1-6

ARM YOURSELVES

Aim Of This Lesson—

For us to see we need to arm ourselves with the same purpose, mind and intent as Christ.

ARM YOURSELVES

Scripture text: --I Peter 4:1-6 (*nkjv*)

¹Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ²As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

ARM YOURSELVES

- **Christ's resurrection and the glory that awaits us.**

I Peter 3:18 *niv*

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

I Peter 3:22 *niv*

²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

ARM YOURSELVES

- Arm yourselves means “get ready...be prepared.”
- To arm yourselves speaks of being “determined...dedicated...to dig in and not be moved”.
- Peter is telling us to arm ourselves with an attitude of humility and obedience even unto death.

Philippians 2:5-8 *niv*

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

ARM YOURSELVES

- **Peter explains what we need to know and do to embrace this attitude of following Christ:**
 - 1. Arm yourself with an attitude of obedience.**
 - 2. Arm yourself with an attitude of change.**
 - 3. Arm yourself with an attitude of hope.**

ARM YOURSELVES with an ATTITUDE of OBEDIENCE

I Peter 4:1-2 *niv*

¹Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ²As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

- Jesus expected hardship but remained committed—He was obedient knowing that it would be hard.**

ARM YOURSELVES with an ATTITUDE of OBEDIENCE

- **Get the mind of Christ—Mature.**

Hebrews 5:12-14 *niv*

¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

ARM YOURSELVES with an ATTITUDE of OBEDIENCE

• How do you do it?

Romans 12:1-2 *niv*

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

ARM YOURSELVES with an ATTITUDE of CHANGE

I Peter 4: 3-4 *niv*

³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.

- Baptism is a beginning of a new life; a new service and that service is to live your life to do the will of God.**
 - Arm yourself because former acquaintances are going to attack the changes in your life.**

ARM YOURSELVES with an ATTITUDE of HOPE

I Peter 4:5-6 *niv*

⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

Acts 17:31 *niv*

³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

ARM YOURSELVES with an ATTITUDE of HOPE

Hebrews 9:27 *niv*

²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

II Corinthians 5:10 *niv*

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

ARM YOURSELVES

In Conclusion:

II Corinthians 4:16-18 *niv*

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

The Plan of Salvation

Hear

Romans 10:13-17

Believe

John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess

Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

Baptism

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



How to Make a Request for Prayer **or Baptism**

PrayerRequests@whelesscoc.org



ARM YOURSELVES



--I Peter 4:1-6