

**Living in Exile: Spiritual Living**  
**I Peter 4:1-6**

**I Peter 3:18** *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

**I Peter 4:1-6** *Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.*

**Truth #1:** Spiritual living is not driven by my desires, but is consumed with the desires of God.

-Use your mind to defeat sins control.

**I Peter 4:1** *Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,*

**Matthew 1:21** *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

**Galatians 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Romans 6:5-7** *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.*

**Romans 6:10-11** *For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

**Romans 6:12-13** *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.*

-Use your mind to defeat sins corruption.

**I Peter 4:2-3** *so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.*

**Truth #2:** Spiritual living is not a life that blends in, but a life that stands out.

-You will have opportunities because of the Gospel.

**I Peter 4:4** *With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, ...*

**Colossians 4:5-6** *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

-You will face opposition because of the Gospel.

**I Peter 4:4** *... and they malign you;*

**II Timothy 3:12** *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

“Silent non-participation in sin often implies condemnation of that sin, and rather than change their ways unbelievers will slander those who have pained their consciences.”- **Wayne Grudem**

**Truth #3:** Spiritual living is not distracted with this life, but is focused on the life to come.

-You will have a passion for those who don't know Christ.

**I Peter 4:5** *but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*

-You will have a peace in all of life's circumstances.

**I Peter 4:6** *For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.*