

**Don't Stop Believing
The Christian Calling
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In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold... may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV

*...for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
1 Peter 1:9 NIV*

Key Verse of the Day

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 1 Peter 3:15a NIV

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. — Jesus Matthew 6:21

*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.
1 Peter 3:18 NIV*

Key Thought of the Day

Revering Christ as Lord in our hearts is revealed in our _____.

Revering Christ As Lord In Our Hearts

1. Adopt a Christ-like attitude of _____.

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 1 Peter 4:1 NIV

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_____ yourself with the understanding that Jesus suffered once for our sins and that his conquest of sin usher in the Resurrection Life!

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2. Always pursue the _____ for your life.

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.

As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. 1 Peter 4:2 NIV

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. They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 1 Peter 4:3-5 NIV

Two Ways To Live

1. One way to live is determined by the will of God.

2. The second way is to live like people who don't _____ God at all.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified... 1 Thessalonians 4:3 NIV

Reality Check

The Christian's life is to be _____ for the purposes of God.

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 1 Peter 4:7 NIV

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3. Be spiritually alert through _____.

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 1 Peter 4:7 NIV

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4. Prioritize _____ well.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:8-9 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." — Jesus, John 13:34-35 NIV

I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. — Jesus, Matthew 18:22 NIV

Grab This!

Love is demonstrated in _____.

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5. Faithfully use your gifts to _____.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11 NIV

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Don't Miss This!

You cannot separate the Christian from _____.

The Bottom Line

When You Pray For One Another... Pray...

- We have the same attitude of Christ when we suffer.
- We seek to live according to God's will.
- We will love others well...and demonstrate that in our lives.
- We serve in the Kingdom by using our gifts for God's glory.

The Challenge

Let's Pray For One Another To Revere Christ As Lord In Our Hearts!