

**HOW SHOULD A SOJOURNER RESPOND TO SUFFERING UNJUSTLY?
ARMING YOURSELF WITH THE MINDSET OF CHRIST
1PETER 4:1-6**

- I. Since Christ suffered unjustly at the hands of sinful men to bring about Gods will (our redemption), **HEAVILY ARM YOURSELF WITH THE SAME MINDSET** (4:1a)

- II. **UNDERSTAND WHY UNJUST SUFFERING COMES:** We temporarily suffer because we have made a break with sin and now obey the Lord (1b-2)
 - A. **Suffering unjustly for doing what is right is an evidence you have made a break with sin** (1b)

 - B. **What does this break look like?** No longer living of lust of men but will of God (2)

- III. **ADD AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE** from the past, present and future realities (3-5)
 - A. **Past motivation:** Time is up to live a way that ends in judgment (3)

 - B. **Present reality:** Those who live that way are surprised and malign you (4)

 - C. **Future surety:** Those who live that way and thus malign will be judged for their sin (5)

- IV. **BE ENCOURAGED:** Because of your response to the gospel, although you may be temporarily judged in the flesh by men, you will live in the spirit according to God, even if you die (6)