

Christians Are Called To Be Prepared For Judgment

1 Peter 4:1-6

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Thesis: As Christians we must live like Christ by living in light of the coming judgment and the eternal nature of our souls.

1. Our union with Christ allows us to live and think like Christ, which protects us like armor (vs. 1-2).

Reflection:

What thoughts dominate your mind?

2. To be prepared for judgment is to leave our sinful actions in the past (vs. 3).

Reflection:

Are there any sins from your past that you are holding onto?

3. The only judgment that matters is the judgment of Christ (vs. 4-5).

Reflection:

Are you concerned about the judgment of others more than the judgment of Christ?

4. Christians who have died are not suffering, but are safe in the arms of God (vs. 6)

Reflection:

Are you afraid of death?

Application:

Conduct a thought experiment. Over the next week write down what thoughts dominate your mind.

There are two thoughts that should dominate our thinking:

1. Christ's life, death, and resurrection.
2. Life after death and the coming judgment.