

I. PERSECUTION AND THE BATTLE OF WILLS (1 PETER 4:3-4)

- A. As Christians, we are exiles who live distinct lives from the world (**1 Peter 4:3; 1 Peter 2:9-12**)
1. Believers ought to make a clean break from a life characterized by sin (**Romans 6:11-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17**)
 2. Believers pursue holy conduct according to the will of God (**1 Peter 1:14-19; 4:2**)
- B. Choosing God's will over the will of the flesh can result in persecution (**1 Peter 4:3-4**)
1. The New Testament is consistent about what constitutes sinful desires (**1 Peter 4:3; Colossians 3:5-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Romans 13:11-14**)
 2. The world hates being exposed by God's word (**John 3:19-20; 7:7; Ephesians 5:11-17**)

II. WHICH JUDGMENT DO YOU FEAR MOST? (1 PETER 4:5-6)

- A. Every person will have to give an account to God for judgment (**1 Peter 4:5; Romans 14:7-12**)
1. Christ is appointed judge (**2 Corinthians 5:10; Acts 10:39-42**)
 2. But by faith in Christ, we will not be condemned (**John 5:24; Romans 8:1**)
- B. The gospel is the solution to the fear of man's judgment and motivation to live according to God's will (**1 Peter 4:6**)
1. The gospel is the good news of what God has done by sending His Son to live, die, and rise again for the salvation of all who believe.
 2. The gospel is sufficient motivation for holiness (**Romans 6:8-11; 17-19; 22-23**)

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER THE GOSPEL THAT GIVES LIFE (1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is a Christian life that is distinct from the world? Why is it important to live a distinctly Christian life?

2. How have you experienced the battle between God's will and the expectation from the world that you will do what they want to do?

3. Why does the world hate being exposed by the light of God's word? What kinds of persecution can come as a result?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Distinct –

Debauchery –

Sufficient –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD