

Fighting the Flesh

1 Peter 4:1-6

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1. Flesh is not _____

- “Therefore” – he is building on the foundation of what he just said about unjust suffering and that Jesus died in our place as “the righteous for the unrighteous” (3:18).
 - Mark 8:31, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:10, Hebrews 10:10.
- “flesh” – *sarx* – our mortal body; the opposite of the spirit (*pneúma*); our existence on this side of eternity.
- We cannot have a _____ relationship with our _____ desires because the Holy Spirit did not come to take _____, He came to take _____!
 - Romans 7:15-19, 8:5-9.

2. Flesh is not _____

- Because Jesus suffered for us, we are to arm ourselves with the attitude and perspective that Jesus had and the perfect life that He modeled for us.
 - The only way to avoid being _____ to the pattern of the world is to be _____ by the Bible and the Spirit into the likeness of Jesus.
 - Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 8:29, Romans 6:10-11, Mark 3:35.
- Until you _____ the flesh, you will always have to _____ with the flesh.
- We need to have the _____ of Christ to achieve the _____ of Christ.

3. Flesh is not _____

- Peter reminds us that those who live and die in their sins will be required to give an account for them when they stand before the final Judge.
 - John 18:36, Psalm 90:10.
- We get the faulty idea that our battles are with the things of this life rather than the spiritual realm.
 - Ephesians 6:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Hebrews 9:27-28.
- When people throw dirt on your _____ because you live for Christ, they are really throwing dirt on their own _____.