Northwest Bible Church - Nov. 7, 2021 - 1 Peter - Alan Conner

**1 Pet. 4:1-6**

Arm yourself!

Intro

**A. EXHORTATION: ARM YOURSELVES FOR SUFFERING (1 Pet. 4:1).**

 1. Not with the weapons of the flesh. 2 Cor. 10

 2. Arm yourselves with spiritual weapons.

**B. THE REASONS FOR ARMING OURSELVES (1 Pet. 4:1b-3).**

1. Imitating Christ (1 Pet. 4:1a).

 2. Suffering for Christ is a sign of the NEW BIRTH (1 Pet. 4:1b-3).

 a. “suffered in the flesh” (1 Pet. 4:1b) -

 b. “ceased from sin” (1 Pet. 4:1b) -

 c. The days of living in sin are over (1 Pet. 4:2-3).

 3. The future hope of glory. See 1 Pet. 4:4-6.

**C. THE RESPONSE OF UNBELIEVERS (1 Pet. 4:4).**

 1. Surprise -

 2. Malign -

**D. THE RECOMPENCE (1 Pet. 4:5-6).**

 1. Unbelievers will give an account (1 Pet. 4:5).

 2. Believers have the hope of glory to come (1 Pet. 4:6).

 a. the gospel has been preached to those who are dead -

 b. “judged in the flesh as men” -

 c. “they may live in the spirit according to the will of God” -

Conclusion