Review

Having discussed how Christ suffered for our sins to bring us to God, Peter explicitly calls us, as followers of Christ, to adopt the same "way of thinking" in 4:1-6. And he contrasts this way of thinking with the way unbelievers think and live along with their ultimate end. Peter encourages believers with the fact that suffering for living as a Christian is not a sign of defeat nor a reason for despair, but the path to ultimate victory and blessing. In 4:7-11 he reminds believers how we are to live in light of the fact that the end is imminent.

1 Peter 4:1-11

- 1. The Christian Way of Thinking
 - a persuasive protectionWhat does the phrase 'arm yourself' make you think of?
 - a transfer of loyalty –
 As believers what has our loyalty been transferred from and to?

- 2. The Natural Way of Thinking
 - a flood of debauchery How does a deadly flash flood relate to 'human passions'?
 - a frightful judgment
 Why would Peter bring up the ultimate end of the unbeliever and the believer?

- 3. The Christian Way of Thinking Lived Out
 - be steady

How could self-control and sober-mindedness affect our prayer life?

keep loving

What are some reasons we don't consistently love one another earnestly?

• serve one another

What are some reasons why we don't use our gifts in the church?

Conclusion