Text: 1 Peter 4

* We're Ready to Die for Christ Because We've Already Died to <u>Ourselves</u> (v1a)

1 Peter 4:1aSince therefore Christ suffered in the flesh arm yourselves with the same way of thinking,

* We've <u>Discontinued</u> Living For and In Our Sinful "<u>Passions</u>" (vv1b-2)

1b for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

* True Christians Will(!) Be Defamed by Sinners and Their Former Friends (vv3-5)

³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you;

⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

* Christian <u>Martyrs</u> (and All Other Christians) will be <u>Delivered</u> One Day (v 6)

⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

