

5. Why don't you run with us anymore?

1 Peter 4:1-5

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

² As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

NIV "They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation..."

NKJV "...they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation..."

KJV "...they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot..."

NASB "...they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excess of dissipation..."

ESV "...they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery..."

NLT "...your former friends are very surprised when you no longer join them in the wicked things they do..."

1. Sin

▼ Remember your old selfish head and heart

1 Peter 4:2 evil human desires

▼ Remember your old sinful haunts and habits

1 Peter 4:3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

▼ Remember your old shackles of hollowness and hopelessness

1 Peter 4:3 pagans

▼ Remember your old scare over heaven and hell

1 Peter 4:5 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

2. Salvation

▼ We have a new Lord

1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

▼ We have a new lifestyle

1 Peter 4:2 As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

3. Separation

▼ We've abandoned the old crowd's corrupt conduct and compromising company

1 Peter 4:4 you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation,

▼ We're alien and abnormal to the old crowd

1 Peter 4:4 They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation,

▼ We're abused by the old crowd

1 Peter 4:4 and they heap abuse on you.

▼ We're admonishing the old crowd

1 Peter 4:5 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

4. Strengthening

▼ Consider the contradicted but conquering Christ

Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

▼ Stand against sin in the strength of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

▼ Build a band of believing brothers and spiritual sisters

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

▼ Answer your abusers with appropriate attitudes and ambitions

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.
1 Peter 3:15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks... But do this with gentleness and respect,

▼ Rejoice in the rewards of the righteous

Matthew 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.