

## Armed and Ready For Duty

1 Peter 4:1-6



George Whitefield  
1714-1770

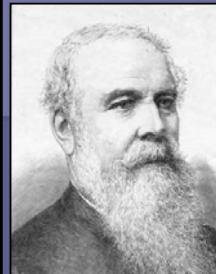
*When our Lord was pleased to take upon himself the form of a servant, and to go about preaching the kingdom of God; he took all opportunities in public, and more especially in private, to caution his disciples against seeking great things for themselves, and also to forewarn them of the many distresses, afflictions and persecutions, which they must expect to endure for his name's sake.*



Charles H. Spurgeon  
1834-1892

*To be pampered, flattered, and applauded by men, is a poor, base thing, that is not worth having.*

*To be despised, to be spit upon, to be caricatured, and to be jeered, is the highest honor that a Christian can have.*



J. C. Ryle  
1816-1900

*The servant of Christ must never be surprised if he has to drink of the same cup with his lord.*

*If he who was holy, harmless, and undefiled, was foully slandered, who can expect to escape? If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!*

## I. Arming Ourselves with the Attitude of Christ (vv. 1-2)

- To "arm yourself" means to arm oneself with weapons or to put on as armor. The picture is that of preparation for battle!

## Romans 8:16-17

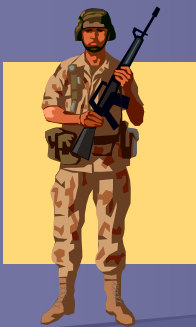
The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

I. Arming Ourselves with the Attitude of Christ (vv. 1-2)

- The phrase "same purpose" points to the willingness to die because Christians know death produces the greatest victory!

II. The Right Motivation to Effectively Endure Suffering. (vv. 3-6)

- A. Remembering Our Sinful Past (v. 3)
- B. Awareness of Our Present Opposition (vv. 4-5)
- C. The Hope of Our Future Inheritance (v. 6)



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