

Living as a Jesus Freak

1 Peter 4:1 - 11

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A quick walk through 1 Peter

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- **Tim “Living as a Jesus Freak” 1 Peter 4:1 - 11**

Walking in two worlds?



Why live differently?

- 1 Peter 4:1 – 2

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since Christ suffered in his body,
arm yourselves also with the same attitude,”**

WHY?

“because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

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Paul has something to say about this...

Romans 6:1 – 7

- 1** What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2** By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
- 5** If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.
- 6** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— **7** because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Communion

- Remembering What Christ Did For Us



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Our Response -

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1 Peter 4:3

3For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do:

- living in debauchery,
- lust,
- drunkenness,
- orgies,
- carousing and
- detestable idolatry.

Live as a freak

1 Peter 4:4

They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of **dissipation** (**wasteful living**), and they heap abuse on you.

*“They think it strange” – Who?
...the world of today thinks you’re a
freak!*

Freak:

1. *noun.* A thing or occurrence that is **markedly unusual or irregular.**
2. An abnormally formed organism, especially an animal or **person regarded as a curiosity** or monstrosity.
3. *Slang.*
 1. An eccentric or **nonconformist person**, especially a **member of a counterculture.**
 2. **An enthusiast**

Are you a Jesus Freak?

- *Jesus Freak*, DC Talk, 1996



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What will people think
When they hear that I'm a Jesus freak
What will people do when they find that it's true
I don't really care if they label me a Jesus freak
There ain't no disguising the truth

On the edge of eternity

Do you realize every one of us is living on the edge of eternity?

1 Peter 4:5 – 7a

“But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

The end of all things is near ...”

How do we respond to the end?

Depends on where we stand, we have two options.

Option 1: I don't know Jesus as Lord and Savior – I must reevaluate where I stand today and where I want to stand for eternity.

John 3:36 (NIV)

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,
but whoever rejects the Son will not see life,
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Depends on where we stand, we have two options.

Option 2: I do know Jesus as Lord and Savior – I must reevaluate how I am living for Him. Am I living as a Jesus Freak?

4 things to do, as a Jesus freak!

1. Pray - 1 Peter 4:7

“The end of all things is near –Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can **pray**.”

Note: to be able to pray you must be *clear minded and self-controlled*

The words in Greek imply “sane and sober”

Freak = *Not crazy – but different*

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2. **Love one another – 1 Peter 4:8**

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

John 13:34

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

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3. Be Hospitable - 1 Peter 4:9

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

Greek word—*philo-xenia* “Love strangers”

*What better place to love strangers than
Eindhoven!*

4 things to do, as a Jesus freak!

4. Use your God given gifts -

1 Peter 4:10 -11a

“**10** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering” God’s grace in its various forms.

- **11**”If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God.
- If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides,...

Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men

Why struggle to be a Jesus Freak?

1 Peter 4:11b

“so that in all things God may be praised through
Jesus Christ.

**To him be the glory and the power for ever
and ever.**

Amen.”

What we saw today?

- Jesus died for our sins.
- We should die to sin also
- We have two options:

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Option 2: Living as a Jesus Freak

1. Pray (be clear minded and self-controlled)
2. Love one another deeply
3. Love strangers / Be hospitable
4. Use the gifts God has given you

The Default Choice

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