

Christianity 101

Armed for suffering and the end of suffering

1 Peter 4:1–11

Introduction

Understanding the times:

‘the end of all things’ ... (v5,7)

‘Christ suffered’ ... (v1; 3:18)

1. Those who understand the times will arm themselves for suffering The

mindset of suffering

- Armed
- Scorned

2. Those who understand the times will stretch themselves out in service

- ordered life for prayer
- outstretched love for peace
- open arms for welcome
- accountable life in service

Conclusion

In the flesh ... in the Spirit

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Do you understand the times?
- How should this work out in practice?