

**THE
GREAT
DIVIDE**





1 Peter 4:1-6

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people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.

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God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead. ⁶ That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now dead—so although they were destined to die like all people, they now live forever with God in the Spirit.



ARM YOURSELF

1 Peter 4:2

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Jeremiah 2:13

“For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!”



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Psalms 37:4

***Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you
your heart's desires.***



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Philippians 2:5-9

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in



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human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,



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John 10:17-18

“The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. 18 No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

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We are to arm ourselves with this same mindset. Suffering today is painful, yet if I suffer for doing what is right, this will only lead to greater joy when I am with my heavenly Father.





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You forget that little things lead to big things.





THERE IS MORE THAN THIS LIFE

1 Peter 4:5-6

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“This life is not all there is. Life on earth is just a dress rehearsal before the real production. You will spend far more time on the other side of death—in eternity— than you will here. Earth is the practice workout before the actual game; the warm-up lap before the race. This life is preparation for the next.”



THERE IS MORE THAN THIS LIFE

It is vital for us to choose
the right side of the
divide.

