

# God Over Culture

## 1 Peter 4:1-6

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- Christians live for the WILL OF GOD by LEARNING FROM JESUS. (4:1-2)
- Christians shock THE WORLD by having a COUNTERCULTURAL MINDSET. (4:3-4)
- Christians preach the Gospel of LIFE because of the COMING JUDGEMENT. (4:5-6)

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Say you're a materialist—what would you think of Christians, their reasons for trying to be moral people and the way they seek to impose "objective" values in the culture?
2. Read 1 Peter 4:1-6. What does it look like to be maligned or rejected in your life for seeking to satisfy God's will instead of our human lusts and passions? (1 Thess. 4:3)
3. How does Christ's example spur us on to persevere in the midst of a culture at odds with Christian values? For you, what does it mean to "arm yourself" to think and act like Christ? (Matt. 16:24; Phil 2:5-8; Heb. 12:2; 1 Pet 2:20-22; 1 John 2:6)
4. When we fail to look to Christ, what other gods do we look to? What are some unfortunate influences we have in our culture? How do we fight back? (Ex. 20:3-6; Psalm 135:15-18; Prov. 21:17; 1 Cor. 10:14; Col. 3:5; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 John 5:21)
5. You are no longer Gentiles, but God's people. This causes us to be countercultural. Who in your life had a hard time with this change? Was it family, friends or coworkers? (Ps. 5:4; 1 Pet. 4:3-4; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; 1 Thess. 4:7; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
6. How should the reality of a future day of judgement be a source of motivation to preach the Gospel? (Ps. 9:8; Jer. 17:10; Is. 33:22; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:10, 14-15, 20; Jn. 3:16)