

Title: **The Attitude That Costs You—And Saves You**

Text: **1 Peter 4:1-6**

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## Big Idea

When you live for Jesus, expect rejection from the world—but rest in God's final verdict.

### 1. The Attitude of C\_\_\_\_\_: S\_\_\_\_\_ & Living for God (vv.1-2)

(cf. 2:9-12, Hebrews 12:1-4)

- E\_\_\_\_\_ To S\_\_\_\_\_ As You F\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (v.1a)  
(cf. 2 Timothy 1:8, 2:3, 3:12, Philippians 1:29, 3:10, Acts 5:41, Matthew 5:10)
- S\_\_\_\_\_ Suffering As E\_\_\_\_\_ that You Are Following God And N\_\_\_\_ Yourself or Sin (vv.1b-2)  
(cf. James 1:22-25, John 8:31, Psalm 119:105)

### 2. The Attitude of the W\_\_\_\_\_: S\_\_\_\_\_, Surprise & S\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-4)

(cf. Romans 8:5, Mark 8:33, John 8:23)

- The World Lives for S\_\_\_\_\_ & Misplaced P\_\_\_\_\_: Sin (v.3)  
(cf. Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Thess 4:3-4)

- E\_\_\_\_\_ to be Slandered by the World: R\_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)  
(cf. John 15:18-20)

### 3. The V\_\_\_\_\_ of God: Judgment & Life (vv.5-6)

- J\_\_\_\_\_ on the World (v.5)  
(cf. Romans 14:10, Rev 20:11-12, John 3:18, Matthew 25:46, 10:28)
- G\_\_\_\_\_ & L\_\_\_\_\_ Eternal for Gospel-believers (v.6)  
(cf. John 5:24, Romans 8:1, John 11:25-26)



## Reflection Questions

- How does the Gospel shape your attitude and perspective? What other things shape your mind and heart? What are specific ways you can make God's Word more a factor in your life?
- As you reflect on your life (attitude and way of life) who -- or what -- are you living for? In what ways are - or aren't - you keeping the judgment of God and eternity in mind?
- Are there things you need to confess and repent of in which you've followed the ways of the world, your own desires and/or sin? Don't wait - come to God today!
- In what ways have you "suffered" for the gospel or on account of your faith in Jesus as you try to seek and follow Him?
- **Parent Corner:** What are some ways you can prepare your child(ren) to suffer for Christ? What is your attitude on suffering for your child(ren)? In what ways might you be over-protecting them from gospel realities?

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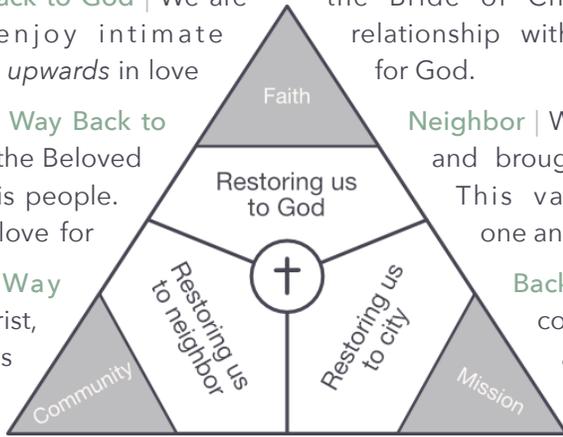
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*Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.*

**FAITH: The Way Back to God** | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with him. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

**COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ**, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with his people.

**MISSION: The Way** the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the Back to City | We are commissioned by the unbelieving.



## Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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## Announcement Spotlight

### All Church Hangout - Today!

Meaningful community is hard to find in Silicon Valley, even in the church. Our congregation is spread out all over the city. But there is one day of every week when we all commit to gather together and worship our God: Sunday. It seems strategic to take this pre-existing momentum and work with it in an attempt to develop deeper community within our body. Therefore, on most first Sundays throughout the year we will invite the church to enjoy picnic-style afternoons together immediately following the service.

*The Plan: After service, bring or buy your lunch and join us at the tables out back for a picnic-style afternoon (we may shift inside depending on weather). We'll also open the gym for people to play in!*

For more info, please contact us at [info@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:info@mercyhillchurch.org).

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### All Church Prayer - Today!

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