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1 Peter 4:1-11

Geometry is one of the subjects that either makes you fall in love with math or never want to think of it again. It is either an awakening to the wonderful logic of theorems and proofs?almost the fun of doing a puzzle?or it is baffling and incomprehensible. In working out proofs, the word "therefore" is key. If one thing is true, then another is true, and at the end of a list of facts proven in that way, the word "therefore" indicates that what is now shown is the absolute truth, the inevitable result.

When a verse begins with the word "therefore," it is important to know what came before. In 1 Peter 4:1, the apostle says that because Jesus suffered, was nailed to the cross, died for our sins, and was ultimately raised from the dead so that we might be saved, we "therefore" need to adopt Jesus' attitude and be "done with sin." When this attitude is set within us, it will protect us and "arm" us, helping us face what people around us may say, no matter what may come at us.

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