

Living HOPE

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER



A lighthouse on a rocky cliff at dusk, with the ocean in the background. The lighthouse is white with a dark top section and a glowing light. The sky is a deep blue, and the ocean is dark with some white foam from waves crashing against the rocks.

Called to Bless: *Reflecting Christ In a Hostile World*

1 Peter 3:8-17

1 Peter Series – Recap

THEME: LIVING HOPE!

THEME VERSE: 1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



1 Peter Series – Outline

1. Introduction (1:1-12)
2. The Believer's Identity (1:3-2:10)
3. Individual Christian Responsibility (2:11-4:11)
4. Corporate Christian Responsibility (4:12-5:11)
5. Conclusion – Stand firm in the true grace of God (Ch. 5:12-14)



Section 1. 1 Peter 3:8-12 – Called for Blessing

8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble; **9** not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you would inherit a blessing. **10** For, “The one who desires life, to love and see good days, Must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. **11** He must turn away from evil and do good; He must seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is against evildoers.



1 Peter 3:8 – The Right Attitude

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1 Peter 3:9 – The Right Response

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1 Peter 3:10-12 – The Right Standard

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12 FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST EVILDOERS.”



Section 2. 1 Peter 3:13-17 – Secure in Suffering

13 And who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? **14** But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be in dread, **15** but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect; **16** and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who disparage your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. **17** For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.



1 Peter 3:13-14 — Blessed to Suffer

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1 Peter 3:15 – Sanctify Christ as Lord

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1 Peter 3:16 – Keep A Good Conscience

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1 Peter 3:17 – The Better Choice

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1 – *Right Attitude*

2 – *Right Response*

3 – *Right Standard*



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Secure in Suffering:

- 1 – Good creates good
- 2 – Blessed to Suffer Righteously – Fear Not
- 3 – Sanctify Christ as Lord
- 4 – Keep a Good Conscience

