

STANDING FIRM

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, ¹⁵but 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, yet with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. ¹⁸For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, ²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. ²¹Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) What does verse 14 say will happen if we suffer?

How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask “Why does this matter?”

- 4) Read Acts 5:38-41, describe Peter's response to suffering.
- 5) What does it mean to make a "defense" and how do you prepare for that?
- 6) Have you ever been slandered for doing good? Why did it happen, or why hasn't it happened?
- 7) According to verse 17 what, potentially, is God's will for your life?
- 8) Why did Christ suffer?
- 9) What is "he" referring to in verse 19?
- 10) According to verse 22 where is Jesus right now?
- 11) Read Romans 8:34, what is He doing there?
- 12) What are some ways **you need to** apply this passage?