

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 3:13-17

Current Series: Between 2 Worlds (A Study in 1 Peter)

Message Title: A Winsome Witness, Part 2

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

If you want to be a more winsome witness for Christ, take note:

1. Typically, _____ in Christ's name is _____ (v. 13)
2. Eventually, _____ is _____ (vv. 14, 17)
3. Practically, having good _____ for the hope you have and being _____ them with others is _____ (vv. 15-16)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 3:13-17

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-17. When Peter says that you will be blessed when you suffer for doing what is right, what do you think that means? How would you explain that blessing to someone?
2. Look specifically at verses 14-15. What might someone in the world see that would prompt them to ask Christ-followers about our hope?
3. The call in verse 15 to always be ready to tell anyone who asks about the hope you have as a Christ-follower is in the context of revering or honoring Christ as Lord in your heart. How might honoring Christ as Lord in your heart lead to someone asking about your hope?
4. What comes to mind when you think of honoring God? What might it mean to honor Christ as Lord?
5. What is something that you are prone to fear or honor more than Christ?
6. What does it mean in verse 15 to make a defense for why you believe what you believe? Do you need to be a scholar or have a seminary degree to do this well? Why or why not?
7. In verses 15-16, how does Peter say we should give a defense for our hope? What should be our demeanor or approach?
8. What might you say to a family member, a friend, or a co-worker who asks you why you have hope?
9. How can you better prepare yourself to be ready this week to share about the hope you have? How can you expose your hope in such a way as to warrant questions from unbelievers?