

**SUFFERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE
(1 Peter 3:13-17) Pt 1**

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND TRAILS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

- A. An ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE on life (2:11)- living now in light of eternity**
- B. An INTERNAL VICTORY by God's grace (2:11b)- the battle is on the inside of every believer**
- C. An EXTERNAL DISPLAY to the Lost, of this victory (2:12)—having an honorable conduct or walk before the unsaved**
- D. An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION to CIVIL AUTHORITIES where you live (2:13-17)**
- E. An APPROPRIATE & APPROVING SUBMISSION in Your WORK PLACE (2:18-20)**
- F. An EXAMPLE of SUBMISSION & UNDESERVED SUFFERING by the Savior for you to follow (2:21-25)**
- G. An ADORNMENT of SUBMISSION to Your HUSBAND (3:1-6)**
- H. An ATTITUDE of UNDERSTANDING & HONOR toward your Wife (3:7)**
- I. An ABOUNDING LOVE Toward OTHER BELIEVERS (3:8)**
- J. An ABSENCE of RETAILATION Toward Others (3:9a)**
- K. An AMAZING BLESSING towards the undeserving (3:9b-ff)**

- L. An On Going WILLINGNESS to SUFFER for RIGHTEOUSNESS Sake (3:13-17)**

1. You need to remember that suffering for Christ at the hands of others cannot ultimately _____ you (3:13a).

- Why is this the case?

- How did this come about?

2. You need to engage in that which God sees as intrinsically _____ (3:13b)

- Is it guaranteed that all believers will do this?

3. You need to appreciate that you are actually _____ when you suffer for righteousness sake (3:14a)

- How can this attitude of "blessing" be realized?

4. You need to recognize that God does not want you to be _____ of threats / intimidation, nor to be _____ (3:14b)

- Who only should we fear?
- How should I view the word “*fear*” in scripture when it refers to the Lord?

5. You need to _____ or _____ Jesus Christ as _____ in your heart (3:15a)

- What does this mean?

6. You need to be _____ to give a _____ to _____ who asks you a reason for the _____ that is in you (3:15b)

- What does this necessitate?
- What is necessary in this?

7. You need to maintain a _____ and _____ in Christ amidst others reviling you (3:16)

- What will this accomplish?

8. You need to grasp the bottom line point of this passage: “ It is better, if it is the will of God, to _____ for doing _____ than for doing _____ (3:17)

* How does all this apply to you?