

SUFFERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE

(1 Peter 3:13-17)

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

- A. **An ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE. (2:11a)**
- B. **An INTERNAL VICTORY. (2:11b)**
- C. **An EXTERNAL DISPLAY, which involves HONORABLE CONDUCT among the unsaved. (2:12)**
- D. **An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION to your CIVIL AUTHORITIES. (2:13-17)**
- E. **An APPROVING SUBMISSION to your BOSS/MASTER. (2:18-25)**
- F. **An ADORNMENT of SUBMISSION to your HUSBAND. (3:1-6)**
- G. **An ATTITUDE of UNDERSTANDING and HONOR toward your WIFE. (3:7)**
- H. **An ABOUNDING LOVE toward OTHER BELIEVERS. (3:8)**
- I. **An ABSENCE of RETALIATION toward others. (3:9a)**
- J. **An AMAZING BLESSING towards the undeserving. (3:9b)**
- K. **An AFFIRMATION from an Old Testament PASSAGE (3:10-12)**
- L. **An ONGOING WILLINGNESS to SUFFER for RIGHTEOUSNESS Sake. (3:13-17)**

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

* How is this possible?

2. **You need to remain _____ in doing what is _____. (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 is this true?

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

* Who only must we fear?

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?

* How is this to be done?

7. You need to maintain a _____ and _____ in Christ amidst others reviling of 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?