

## "DON'T BE AFRAID, INSTEAD GIVE AN ANSWER" (1 Peter 3:13-17)

**Big Idea: As one who belongs to Christ, you are to be willing to suffer for Him without fear and give an answer on behalf of Him with meekness and good behavior at all times**

**I. Your Great Salvation (1:1-12)**

**II. Your Practical Sanctification (1:13-2:10)**

**III. Your Life as a Sojourner in the World (2:11-4:6)**

1. Suffering for Righteousness Sake (3:12-17)

a. How do you deal with **Unjust Suffering**?

1. You need to keep and an eye on \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13a)

\* Matt 10:28

2. You need to remain \_\_\_\_\_ in doing what is \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13b)

3. You need to recognize the reality that you are actually \_\_\_\_\_ when you suffer for righteousness sake. (3:14a)

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

\* troubled -

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

\* How do we sanctify Christ in our hearts?

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

\* ready

\* defense -

\* How is this to be done?

7. You need to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ amidst others' reviling of you. (3:16)

\* Now how is a "good conscience" possible?

\* What will this result in?

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)

\* What does this mean to you?