

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

1. 3:14 When persecutions come, be more concerned with reverencing God and with being right with God than with what the persecutors are doing.
  - a. What fears do you now have that compete with your reverence for Christ as Lord?
2. 3:15 How does “setting Christ apart as Lord” fit into the motivation of suffering for good here?
  - a. How does this pertain to their fears and hopes? Yours?
  - b. Do you have “hope”? what is the “hope” here? How should such “hope” change your every day living? Can you tell folks why you have such “hope” that persecutions and human opposition don’t bother you?
    - a. How might such changes cause people to ask questions?
    - b. “Lord” in this verse is Christ – yet the quote is Isaiah 8:12, referencing the “Lord” as YHWH of Armies. How does this correlate Jesus with the Father in Peter’s understanding?
    - c. Reverencing (making holy in your heart) Christ is what drives out all other fears.
3. 3:16 Have you ever been “reviled” for good works?
  - a. How, when will these revilers be put to shame?
  - b. How does Christ’s example serve in regard to our suffering for doing good?
4. 3:18-20 Whatever the precise meaning and import, the point is: Christians have reason for hope and confidence in the face of persecution and suffering..
  - a. Who did Christ proclaim to and when and why?
  - b. Possibly some evil powers who held some righteous in bondage? And Christ released them?
  - c. How does the flood story fit in to this line of reason for hope?
5. 3:21 How does baptism fit into the line of thought?
  - a. What exactly does baptism do?
  - b. Does baptism save? How does baptism save?
  - c. How does baptism secure confidence and hope in persecution?
  - d. Question is often asked; is baptism “essential”? I would suggest that the more appropriate question is “is baptism optional”?
6. 3:22 Where is the power and efficacy of baptism?