

“Sharing Our Faith Without Fear” 1 Peter 3:13-17

1. Peter encouraged his readers with the fact that the right response to undeserved suffering results in blessing. In spite of a desire to live peacefully and an eagerness to do good, persecution can still occur in the life of a believer.

What rhetorical question does Peter ask in verse 13?

Read Christ’s words in Matthew 10:28.

Why are believers in Christ not to be afraid of what man can do to them?

2. As Pastor Jason emphasized last week, we are to fear God and not men. And 1 Peter 3:14 includes a reference to Isaiah 8:12 which speaks to this exhortation.

How would you describe a holy, reverent fear of God?

3. The beginning of verse 15 speaks to how believers can overcome fear. What does it say we are to do in our hearts?
4. Consistent with our “set apart” conduct should be a prepared readiness to make a defense. The Greek word here for defense is *apologia*, from which we get apologetics, which is simply defined as the “defense of the Christian faith”. Who are we to witness to (v.15)?

What are we to give an account for?

5. How should a believer’s testimony be given (v.15)?
6. If we seek to live Christ-like and above reproach in our conduct and conscience, what does Peter say (v. 16) will happen to those who slander and revile us?
7. Pray and then write out the names of 2 or 3 people with whom you can share your faith.

What steps can you be taking right now to get “ready” for when the opportunities come to share your faith?

We pray that God would fill you with His words, His “gentleness”, and His power as you faithfully serve as a witness for Christ!