

FIRST PETER The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 20

3:13-17— “Suffering Unjustly & Honoring Christ”—August 16, 2015

“...by giving the Lord His place in the soul, this fear which the enemy excites has no longer a place there. If the heart is conscious of the presence of God, can that heart tremble at the presence of the enemy? This is the secret of boldness and peace in confessing Christ.” - J.N. Darby

The Christian's Election and Exile—1 Peter 1:1-2

The Christian's Position in the People of God—1 Peter 2:4-10

The Christian's Living Hope—1 Peter 1:3-11

The Christian's Obligations in the People of God—1 Peter 2:11-3:12

The Christian's Life in Relation to God—1 Peter 1:13-2:3

The Christian's Sufferings—1 Peter 3:13-3:22

The Potential of Unjust Suffering—1 Peter 3:13-17

“¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?”

“¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.”

“HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM, NOR BE TROUBLED, 15 but in your hearts, honor Christ the Lord as holy...”

⇒ A quotation/paraphrase of Isaiah 8:12-13

“Honor Christ the Lord as holy”

“...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

“Hope”—ἐλπίς—elpēs— A joyful and confident _____.

“¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

“¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.”

What is Peter doing in this passage?

Peter wants to remind Christians of the responsibility and privilege of leading _____ lives during their time in exile.

Peter wants to encourage Christians to _____ Christ even in the midst of unjust suffering.

Peter wants Christians to confess Christ publically and with _____.