

Sermon Notes

Fear God, Not People and therefore Live for Christ & Be a Witness for Him

1 Peter 3:14-15
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There may be Q&A, if you want to post a question during the sermon.

3:14a Even if you suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed.

Righteousness is behaving ways that are right according to the Lord.

3:14b Do not live fearing what the people of the culture fear.

We are to fear God - care most about what He thinks, want to honor Him. This motivates us to behave how He wants us to behave.

Ref.: Isaiah 8:11-13

3:15a Instead live honoring the Lord Christ as holy, in your heart.

If we live this way, it shows Christ to non-Christians.

3:15b Always being ready for the purpose of an answer to anyone who asks you to give a word regarding the hope that is in you.

Be ready to give an answer, to be a witness for Christ.

When you give testimony as a witness of Christ, speak truth, consistent with the message of Christ from God's word, the Bible.

When you give testimony as a witness of Christ, make sure to speak about Christ. He is our hope.

3:15c Do this with with gentleness toward the person and fear toward God.

The message may be irritating, if they don't want to hear God's truth. But our approach shouldn't be irritating.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested memorization: 1 Peter 3:15

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