

## **“1<sup>st</sup> Peter #8”**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:11-18 (Our response to suffering)

#### Review: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:1-10 (NKJV)

- An unbelieving husband is won by a wife's respectful and pure conduct.
- The **inward adorning and beauty** of a gentle and quiet spirit. *“In God's sight is very precious.”*

#### Proverbs 31: 10-11... 26-31 (NASB)

*“An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her... She opens her mouth in wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying: many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she will be praised. Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:7

- Husbands live with your wives showing honor and understanding.
- **Wives and husbands are heirs together...** show honor to your wife, *so your prayers won't be hindered!*

Intro or segway into tonight's study, let's review **3:8-10...** (NKJV) Read... We looked at this last time!

#### **Tonight:**

#### Text - **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:11-12** (ESV) Read

- A cursory (**hasty, casual, quick or brief**) reading of these verses of scripture, you may get the idea that we are made righteous by our works or by our deeds.
- *But the whole revelation of the bible is that... We are made willing to do the will of God by the power of the Holy Spirit coupled by God's grace and mercy.*

➤ Jesus said... *I will send you a comforter (helper) and He will guide you into all truth!*

Philippians 2:12-13... (ESV) *“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”*

**\*\*Romans 8:5-8 (ESV) Read... Verses 9-11 Read... Verses 13-14 Read...**

Text - 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:13-15 (ESV) Read...

- These verse's speak to our response to suffering and persecution.
- V13 *“Why would anyone harm you if you're passionate and devoted to pleasing God?”*
- V14 *“But even if you should suffer for righteousness sake...”* we need to understand is that Peter is writing to Christians that are already suffering for their faith.

Matthew 5:10 *“Blessed are those that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”*

- I believe that Verse 15 is the key verse on how we are to respond... (Read)
- *“In your hearts, honor Christ the Lord as holy” ... and always be ready to give an answer for your hope.”*
- No matter what you are suffering or going thru... honor Christ as holy... trust Him!

Isaiah 29:22-24... Read

Text - 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:16-17 (ESV) Read

- It is better to suffer for doing good... Because sometimes it is God's will for us to suffer for doing good.

V18 *“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God. Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...”*