

10. Most of the harassment and/or persecution we face here in the U.S. today is from whom?

11. Pastor Bryan gives a whole list of things that DO NOT bring salvation. That message is what kind of message?

12. Salvation is NOT in any what?

13. What does much of the secular world do with our message?

14. Why is the phrase, “for righteousness’ sake” so important.

15. Have you ever been persecuted? Was it because of righteousness in your life?

16. When we experience the negative consequences of our own offenses/misdeeds, that is not suffering for what purpose?

17. If we are persecuted for righteousness’ sake/for being like Jesus, we should see ourselves as what?

18. Absolutely nothing compares with the value and the reality that what is ours?

19. Jesus told the 70 disciples that they should rejoice because of what?

20. Persecution can lead to being thrown in jail or being martyred, but it can also take the form of being what?

21. Most of the persecution we experience here in America are attacks on what two categories?

22. What is an example of things we often say when we are persecuted for righteousness’ sake?

23. If we have been persecuted for righteousness sake, we will be greatly what?

24. Have you ever leaped for joy when you had people hate, exclude, revile you, or cast out your name as evil?

25. Jesus’ teaching, standards, expectations, and His exhortations are what?

26. In I Peter 3:14, Peter quotes from what Old Testament book?

27. What did Peter rejoice over (in Acts 5)?

28. The point of the statement, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts” is what?

29. Do you see the Lord as a part of your life? Or the center of your life?

30. The platform from which we speak is the platform of a what?

31. Do you know what you believe and why you believe what you say you believe?

32. We need to be ready to do what?

33. Are you able, as a Christian, to articulate what you believe in a humble, thoughtful and reasonable way?

34. The best way to translate the phrase, “with meekness and fear” is “...with meekness and...” what?

35. What is just as important as our answer?

36. No matter how well you answer and how properly you live, people still may do what?

37. We should make sure that we are living the way the Lord wants us to be living so that we can have a what in the face of false accusations?

38. Our humble desire and prayer, when falsely accused, is that the person would see the baseless nature of his accusations and do what?

39. We should never suffer for our what?

40. There may be times when it is God's will that we do what?

41. What did Jesus do when He suffered?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Week:

1) Read I Peter through one time this week.

2) Read I Peter 3:1-20

3) What are some things in the Bible that are hard to understand?

4) What do you think are some of the common struggles over I Peter 3:18-20?

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“BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER”

I Peter 3:13-17

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon **“Be Ready To Give An Answer.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. One of the most difficult aspects of the Christian life for many believers is how to do what?

2. Do you want to have your life count for Christ?

3. What are the two extreme tendencies we have when it comes to having our lives count for Christ?

4. I Peter 3:13 is a general principle. It is not a statement without what?

5. Generally speaking, people in society don't mistreat those who go around doing what?

6. In Acts 10:38, when Peter was presenting the gospel, he described Jesus by saying that He did what?

7. Are you known as one who goes about doing good?

8. When we think of persecution, we usually think of Christians being persecuted by a what?

9. The persecution that Jesus and the Apostles experienced came from whom?

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