

Be Ready to Give an Answer

1st Peter 3:13-17

(series #17)

Intro: the difficulty of relating properly to unbelievers

I. The General Principle Stated v. 13

A. People who do good usually aren't mistreated

B. Being zealous for what is good (Acts 10:38)

II. The Exception to the Principle v. 14

A. Suffering for righteousness

B. Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:10-12

C. Peter's quote from Isaiah 8:12 (Acts 5:41)

III. The "Game Plan" for Life v. 15

A. Set apart Christ as Lord

B. Be ready to give an answer

C. With meekness and respect

IV. The Importance of a Clear Conscience v. 16

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Conclusion: 1st Peter 2:23