



"A Life That Draws People to Jesus"

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The Big Idea: Peter challenges Christians to give Jesus such a **central** place in our lives that it piques the curiosity of those around us and leads to **questions** about what make us different. Are we living that life and do we know how to tell our story?

1 Peter 3:3-17 (ESV)

3 ¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

¹⁵but in your hearts 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;

The Life Described:

1. You Pursue **Good** (v. 13-14)

- "zealous"
- "good"

"harm"
"suffer"

Make sure it is for "righteousness' sake"
"blessed"
"no fear"
"troubled"

2. Christ is the **Center** (v. 15a)

- words "honor" & "holy" go together – idea is "set apart or recognize"
- "Lord"
 - Remember the historical setting of Peter's friends.
 - What is the condition of my heart today, concerning Christ?

3. Your Life Begs a **Question** (v. 15b)

- The question inevitably asked of someone who lives with Christ as Lord will sound something like this: "What **makes** you the way you are?"
- "defense" -- apologia

yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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

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

4. You Watch Your **Attitude** As You Talk With People (v. 15c)

- "gentleness"
- "respect"

5. Your **Consistency** in Your Life is Your Defense Against Critics (v. 16)

6. Through it All, You Maintain Your Trust in a **Sovereign** God. (v. 17)

- One more time, Peter brings in the reality of God's people suffering in this lifetime.
- Just remember, God is **good**; He **loves** you; You can **trust** Him, no matter what happens.

3 CHALLENGES

Prepare Your Story – Your Testimony About Jesus

1. My life before Christ ...
2. How I came to realize my need for Jesus ...
3. The difference He is making in my life ...

Pray for Friends Who Are Without Christ

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Ask the Lord to Show You Anything in Your Life that Might be Blocking Your Friends View of Jesus in You.