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Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-22



STICKY STATEMENT: Pressure doesn't _____ our witness; it _____ it.

1. PRESSURE REVEALS HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE

Peter calls believers to unity, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble _____ .

We don't return what people deserve; we give what we have _____ .

Pressure doesn't give us permission to repay evil with evil; instead, we _____ .

2. PRESSURE REVEALS WHAT WE FEAR

Following Jesus doesn't guarantee pressure disappears; it guarantees pressure does not have the _____ .

Before pressure arrives, we settle this in our hearts: Jesus is _____ .

We explain our hope with gentleness and _____ .

3. PRESSURE POINTS PEOPLE TO JESUS

Suffering isn't proof God has _____ us.

Our suffering can't save anyone, but our response can _____ people to Jesus.

4. JESUS IS VICTORIOUS OVER EVERY SPIRITUAL POWER

The main point of 1 Peter 3:19–20 is not where Jesus went, but that Jesus _____ .

5. BAPTISM PICTURES OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

The power isn't in the water; the power is in the _____ Jesus.

Baptism is a picture and proclamation of the _____ .

6. PRESSURE CANNOT REMOVE JESUS FROM THE THRONE

We don't fight FOR victory; we live _____ the victory of Jesus.

SO WHAT?

Prepare our hearts • Refuse retaliation • Suffer for doing good • Prepare our answer • Remember who won

My hope is in Jesus because:

Answer Key: silence, reveals, mind, received, bless, final word, Lord, respect, abandoned, point, won, resurrected, Gospel, from