



“Distinctively Christian”

Believers Under Pressure
I Peter 3:1-12

We are called to a peculiar :

I. Compassion - “having compassion one of another” (v. 8)

Demonstrated by being:

A. Harmonious - “be ye all of one mind”

B. Helpful - “be pitiful ”

C. Humble – “be courteous”

II. Communication - “refrain his tongue from evil” (vs. 9-10)

Described as:

A. Forgiving – “not rendering evil for evil”

B. Festive - “ will love life and see good days”

We can endure....or escape....or enjoy

C. Forthright – “his lips that they speak no guile”

III. Comportment - “and do good” (vs. 11-12)

Defined by what we:

A. Shun – “let him eschew evil”

B. Seek – “let him seek peace and ensue it”

C. Savor – “the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous”

Sentence Sermon:

“Christians live and love life by seeking peace and doing good.”

Additional Verses

- *Acts 4:32*
- *Philippians 2:2*
- *I Corinthians 1:10*
- *Acts 2:1, 46*
- *Romans 12:15-16; 17-21*
- *II Corinthians 10:1-6*
- *Ecclesiastes 2:17*
- *Psalms 141:3*
- *Matthew 5:9*
- *Romans 14:19*
- *John 12:25*
- *Psalms 34*
- *I Thessalonians 4:9-10*
- *I Peter 2:21-23*

Loving the Brethren in I Peter

- *I Peter 1:22; 2:17; 3:8; 4:8; 5:14*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How would you describe the “one mind” of all believers?
4. What is the hardest command in verse 8?
5. Why should we not render evil for evil according to verse 9?
6. What does it mean to render a blessing to those who render evil?
7. How would you describe someone who “loves life?”
8. What kind of evil is verse 11 telling us to avoid?
9. What comfort is found in “the eyes of the Lord are over” us?
10. What will the Lord do to those who do evil?
11. What Christian distinctive will you concentrate on this week?