



“Ready, Willing, & Able”

Followers of Good
I Peter 3:13-22

Trusting in God’s

I. Protection - “who is he who will harm you” (vs. 13-15)

Being prepared to:

- A. Suffer** - “if you suffer for righteousness sake”
- B. Sanctify** - “sanctify the Lord God in your hearts”
- C. Speak** - “be ready always to give an answer”

II. Process - “suffered for sins, the just for the unjust” (vs. 16-20)

Being persistent with our:

- A. Conscience** - “Having a good conscience”
- B. Calling** - “if the will of God be so, that ye suffer”
- C. Contentment** - “the longsuffering of God waited”

III. Provision - “by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (vs. 21-22)

Being proffered with:

- A. Vindication** - “a good conscience toward God”
- B. Vitality** - “Who is gone into heaven...right hand of God”
- C. Victory** - “angels...authorities...powers...subject to Him”

Sentence Sermon:

“Our good behavior in tough times is used to bring others to God.”

Additional Verses

- *II Peter 2:5*
- *Ephesians 6:12-13*
- *Romans 8:31*
- *I John 4:4*
- *Romans 6:3-5*

Jesus at the right hand of God

- *Psalm 110:1*
- *Acts 2:33-36; 7:55-56*
- *Romans 8:34*
- *Ephesians 1:20*
- *Colossians 3:1*
- *Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:1-3*
- *Revelation 3:21*
- *Matthew 22:44*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Who harms us when we are followers of good?
4. Why should we be happy to suffer for righteousness sake?
5. What does it mean to sanctify the Lord in our hearts? Done it?
6. What is the question that we are supposed to be ready to answer?
7. Why do they speak evil of us as evildoers? Who are they?
8. Why would it be the will of God for any Christian to suffer?
9. Why does Peter tell us that eight souls were saved by water?
10. What three things can we glean about Jesus from verse 22
11. Have you been baptized? Why is it important?
12. Are you ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you?