

“Do Good....No Matter What.”

1 Peter 3:8-22. 6/26/2022

Introduction

We are called to live such good lives:

1 Peter 2:12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

How do we accomplish this call? Do good....No Matter what!

The characteristics of a good life:

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing

Like minded:

Sympathetic:

Do good, no matter what, because we are called to.

1 Peter 3:9

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Do good, no matter what, for the Lord is watching over you

1 Peter 3:10-12

For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

Always be ready to do good, no matter what:

1 Peter 3: 13-16

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats, do not be frightened. ”But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Christ, our example of doing good while suffering no matter what:

1 Peter 3:17-18

For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

Bear Up while doing good, no matter what

1 Peter 2:19

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God

We can live such good lives till the end, If the Spirit of Christ is working in us.

1 Peter 3:19-22

After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

We cannot do good no matter what, without salvation.

1 Peter 3:21 & Romans 8:15-16

and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God; “...the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.”

Personal Growth/Group Discussion Questions.

1. What are some of the ways we can respond when wronged? What are some of the characteristics of someone doing good no matter what?
2. What is this passage saying we are called to do?
3. How do we continue to do good no matter what when trouble comes?
4. Who is our example of doing good no matter what? In what ways does He show us how to do this?
5. What sustains us to keep doing good no matter what?
6. What is the thing needed to be able to do good, no matter what? Why?