



Holy Perseverance

1 Peter: a long obedience to a living hope

Fearless Explanation

1 Peter 3:13-4:6



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and

...in response to fear.





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¹⁵ 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,



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¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.



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18 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.



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²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



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4.1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.



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² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.



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³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.



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⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.



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Peter's Continued Strategy for Mission:

Stand out for Christ by the life we live...

...without fear

because of God's victory

...and be ready to explain our hope



Fearless Explanation

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Know why

Share it!



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Isaiah 8:12



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¹² ...do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. ¹³ The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread



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 - c. Don't try to solve it yourself



Fearless Explanation

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A Your slanderers will be ashamed (3:16)

B Suffer though innocent, in God's will (3:17)

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D Christ triumphed over hostile spirits (3:19)

E Noah was saved through water (3:20)

E' You are saved through water (3:21)

D' Christ triumphed over hostile spirits (3:22)

C' For Christ suffered (4:1a)

B' Suffer in God's will (4:1b–2)

A' Your slanderers will be ashamed (4:3–5)



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2. Christ's **present victory**

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Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



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- a. Victory over spiritual forces
- b. Victory through the resurrection
- c. Christ suffered so we can suffer
(*without fear*)



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3. God's **future victory** for the dead



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a. Hope of victory in the end



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*How can you live without fear in a way
that wins others to the Gospel?*



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“Therefore, let us not fear, but with confidence use this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus through our prayers and our care for others.”



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Know why

How is God inviting you to deepen your faith and confidence in God's victory over sin and death during this season?



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What conversation about your reason for counter-cultural hope is God inviting you into this week, this season?



