

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian**  
**I Peter 3:8**

Intro: Peter has been discussing the matter of submission from 2:13-3:7. He now comes to the point of bringing this topic to a conclusion before beginning another thought. This is made clear by his use of the word "finally". This conclusion goes from verses 8-12. We will begin this study with looking at verse 8 tonight.

- I. **Be ye all of one mind Vs 8a** (Believers should be \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_)
- A. This is a statement made to \_\_\_\_\_ the believers that Peter is writing to and ultimately is intended for all believers in general.
- B. **One mind**
1. Ro 12:16 "*Be of the same mind one toward another.*"
  2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ the same way about things—minds and thinking in \_\_\_\_\_
  3. The only way this can happen is for every believer to take the Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ in Biblically terms.
- II. **Having compassion one of another Vs 8b** (The believer is to be \_\_\_\_\_)
- A. Literally, suffering or feeling the like with another, sympathetic
- B. Requires in the believer expressing compassion:
1. A \_\_\_\_\_ to understand another believer
  2. A \_\_\_\_\_ to take the time to find out what the other believer is \_\_\_\_\_, thinking, or experiencing
  3. A willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ to the other believer with an open mind (a mind free of preconceived ideas or solutions to another's problem or situation)
- III. **Love as brethren Vs 8c** (The believer is to have \_\_\_\_\_ for all other believers)
- A. phil-ad-el-phos fil-ad'-el-fos (a \_\_\_\_\_ for others)
- B. Brotherly love-having a fondness and \_\_\_\_\_ spirit for other believers
- C. Brethren-another person who has accepted Christ as their \_\_\_\_\_ as you have done
1. No exception for a person's \_\_\_\_\_ color, educational level, or \_\_\_\_\_ bracket
  2. No exception for a person's denominational \_\_\_\_\_
  3. No exception for a person's \_\_\_\_\_ of worship
  4. No exception for a person's \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ exception, period!
- IV. **Be pitiful Vs 8d** (The believer is to be \_\_\_\_\_)
- A. **Pitiful**-tender of \_\_\_\_\_ of feeling toward others
- B. Illustrated even by the \_\_\_\_\_-Pharaoh's daughter (Exodus 2:6 *And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.*)
- C. A Godlike quality that can only be placed inside the believer by \_\_\_\_\_
1. Psa 86:15 *But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.*
  2. Psa 145:8 *The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.*
  3. Isa 49:15 *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion*

*on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.*

4. *Mat 9:36 But when Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*
5. *Mat 20:34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.*
6. *Mar 1:41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.*

D. A Christ-like quality found in the \_\_\_\_\_ believer (1 John 3:17 *But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*)

V. **Be courteous Vs Be** (The believer is to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of harsh, rude, disgruntle, complaining or critical
- B. Applicable to our \_\_\_\_\_ toward others as much as our \_\_\_\_\_
- C. **JFB**-*"Genuine Christian politeness; not the tinsel of the world's politeness; stamped with unfeigned love on one side, and humility on the other. It is slightly different from "humble," in that it shows a conscious effort to be truly humble."*

Concl: As the believer shows: like-mindedness, \_\_\_\_\_, brotherly love, \_\_\_\_\_, kindness and friendliness to others, especially other Christians, the world will see Christlikeness in us. These and the characteristics that will follow in verse 9-12 are very much need in Christian circles today. These characteristics can only be displayed in a believer who is \_\_\_\_\_ in obedience to the Word of God, and thus under the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. May we here at Bible Baptist Church walk in obedience to the Word of God, thus allowing God to \_\_\_\_\_ these characteristics in us to each other and to \_\_\_\_\_ in whom we come in contact.