

absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and ***not frightened in anything by your opponents***. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

How Do Husbands Bless their Wives?

⁷ Likewise, husbands, ***live[ing] with*** (conduct yourself with) your wives ***in an understanding way*** (lit. 'according to knowledge'), ***showing honor to the woman*** as the weaker vessel, ***since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.***

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay[ing] evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, ***bless[ing]***, for to this ***you were called***, that you may obtain ***a blessing***. ...

The Picture of Holy Conduct that God Blesses

1. We Are to Use Our Lives to Serve & Bless Those Around Us Generally.
2. Just Like Jesus; We are to Endure Unjust Suffering from Human Authorities with His Same Patience & Faith.
3. God's Promise: He Will Use Our "Righteous Conduct" as a Pipeline to Deliver His Blessings!

- Through Us...Bringing Others to Repentance
- To Us...Godliness: We are Shaped into Christ-Likeness

Let Us Embrace this Kind of Holy Conduct Trusting in God's Power & Purposes!

Our Christian Identity: 1 Peter

[#8] Honor, Love & Self-Sacrifice – 1 Peter 2:11-3:12

Sermon Outline – July 24, 2016

Children's Sermon: Serve God by Serving Dad & Mom

- ❖ What we do, says something (e.g. a punch, yawn).
- ❖ What does "**Honor**" look like?
- ❖ What does "**Despise**" look like?

Ephesians 6:1-3

¹ Children, ***obey*** your parents ***in the Lord***, for ***this is right***. ² "***Honor your father and mother***" (this is the first commandment with ***a promise***), ³ "***that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.***"

- ❖ What should "Honor" look like for you (children) according to this verse?
Because we serve God, we should want to obey our parents!
- ❖ What difference does, "in the Lord" make?
- ❖ Why is this command attached to "a promise"? (Addressed to the Adults)

Review: From Hate to Holiness

Notes:

To Secure our own Blessing We Hate & Hurt...

The Culture of Heaven Breaks in!

Jesus Moves Us from Hate to Love, to Gospel Love

(Stop Hating to Love of Neighbor to Love of Enemy)

¹¹ Beloved, ***I urge you*** as sojourners and exiles to ***abstain from the passions of the flesh***, which ***wage war*** against your soul. ¹² ***Keep[ing] your conduct*** among the Gentiles honorable, so that when ***they speak against*** you as evildoers, ***they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.***

The Righteousness of Jesus...

1. The fact that He Entrusted Himself to His Father (Trust)
2. He took the wounds of his enemies to heal them (Obey)

Blessing through Blessing not Cursing (3:8-12)

(Peter cites: Psalm 34:12-16)

Jesus Blessed His Enemies...for Our Blessing!

We are Called to Follow in His Footsteps...

Today's Biblical Bullet...

Because we know & trust God, our willing submission, especially to unjust human authorities, is filled with divine purpose & power to bring His blessings.

The Blessing of Salvation for the Lost
The Blessing of Christ-Likeness for Us

Painting a Specific Picture of Holiness

...Fired at our Life & Heart

These specific examples of submission and service paint a picture of what Christian holiness should look like; we should aim our lives at honor, love and self-sacrifice.

Be Subject to Rulers...

¹³ **Be subject** *for the Lord's sake* to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that **by doing good** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but *living as servants of God*. ¹⁷ **Honor** everyone. (Phil. 2:3) **Love** the brotherhood (Gal. 6:10). **Fear** God (Pr. 1:7; Ac. 10:2; Rev. 14:7). **Honor** the emperor (Rom. 13:1-7).

Honor/Τιμή: ...the assignment of status to a person...¹

Fear/φοβέομαι: (a figurative extension of meaning of φοβέομαι 'to fear,') to have profound reverence and respect for [God], with the implication of awe bordering on fear—to reverence, to worship.²

- *Honor Everyone:* (Discrimination...)
- *Honor the Emperor:* ("I know the difference between giving advice and taking orders")
 - ✓ What about unjust, unwise rulers?
 1. Nero...Peter
 2. Building Inspector
 3. Police shootings (see below, husbands...; pursue God's blessings...righteous submission)

Be Subject to Employers...

¹⁸ **Servants, be[ing] subject** to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but *also to the unjust*. ¹⁹ For this is **a gracious thing**, when, **mindful of God** (Lit. if through knowledge of God), one **endures sorrows** while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, **you endure**? But if when **you do good and suffer for it you endure**, this is **a gracious thing** in the sight of God (Lit. according to God). ²¹ **For to this you have been called**, because Christ also suffered for you...

Endure/ὑπομένω: to continue to bear up despite difficulty and suffering...³

Wayne Grudem:

God is pleased when his people trust him in the midst of unjust suffering, imitating the example of Christ. ...

It is the confidence that God will ultimately right all wrongs which enables a Christian to submit to an unjust master without resentment, rebelliousness, self-pity, or despair. ⁴

Be Subject to Husbands... (Cf. Matt. 5:32; 1 Cor. 7:12-16)

¹ **Likewise, wives, be[ing] subject** to your own husbands, so that even **if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives**, ² when they see **your respectful and pure conduct**. ³ **Do not let** your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—⁴ **but** let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle (meek) and quiet (at rest) **spirit**, which in God's sight **is very precious**. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah **obeyed** Abraham, calling him lord. And **you are** (have become) her children, **if you do good** and **do not fear anything that is frightening** (causes terror).

Called to Share in Christ's Sufferings without Fear

Philippians 1:27-30

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am

¹ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 732). New York: United Bible Societies.

² Ibid. (p. 539).

³ Ibid. (307).

⁴ Grudem, W. A. (1988). *1 Peter: an introduction and commentary* (Vol. 17, ps. 134-135). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.