

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1-PETER CHAPTER 3:13-17

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“On Your Mark. Get Set. Be Ready. – Part 3”

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 3:13-17

Congregational Reading

1 Peter 3:13-17

And who is he who will **harm** you if you **become followers** of what is **good**? **14** But even if you should **suffer** for **righteousness**' sake, you are **blessed**.
“And do not be **afraid** of their **threats**, nor be **troubled**.” **15** But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts, and **always** be **ready** to give a **defense** to everyone who asks you a **reason** for the **hope** that is in you, with **meekness** and **fear**;
16 having a good **conscience**, that when they **defame** you as **evildoers**, those who **revile** your good **conduct** in Christ may be **ashamed**. **17** For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for **doing good** than for doing evil.

Well Here We Are – In the Midst of a SoCal Winter.

Temperature has dropped to the mid 50's at night and the high yesterday was a bone-chilling 66 degrees.

In Light of These “Adverse” Weather Conditions, I Found Myself Putting on thicker socks. I dug out of the closet a jacket, I even wore a pair of gloves to our Friday morning prayer meeting – I had to bundle up - in this kind of an environment.

Peter is Instructing the Christian that in light of the “change in the weather”, the Christian will need to “bundle-up” against the coming storm...

**This storm was forecasted long ago - characterized by
“Increasing seasons of apathy, followed by periods of weariness
with intermittent doubt & fear.
All of this being brought on by “Every wind of doctrine?”**

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

Ephesians 4:11c

with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

**So the Christian needs to “bundle-Up”
against the coming storms of the Last Days...**

1 Peter 3:15

But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts, and **always** be **ready** to give a **defense** to everyone who asks you a **reason** for the **hope** that is in you, with **meekness** and **fear**;

**“Speaking the Truth in Love”
(Ephesians 4:15)**

“All Truth is God’s Truth” - - and Jesus said He was Truth

The Roman Governor of Judah, Pontus Pilate

John 18:37-38

Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” :38 (and in a moment of Candor)
Pilate said to Him, “What is **truth**?”

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the **truth**, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Timothy 3:15b
(in regard to the church of all ages)

The house of God, which is the church of the living God,
is the pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Timothy 6:20 KJV

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and
vain babblings, and oppositions of **science** falsely so called:

science grk: gnosis; knowing. A knowing or the knowing. Having an understanding
as to “how” something works or functions. (Not the why, only the how)

I can tell you “how” a Boeing 787 flies. I cannot tell you
why Boeing created the 787. I can tell you how Mr. Mercedes and Mr. Benz
manufactured their car – I cannot tell you “why” they did it.

I can bake you a cake and write your name on it –

And you’ll be able to figure out “how” I made it, but never know
“why” I thought to make it.

“Brief Answers to the Big Questions” by Dr. Steven Hawking

“Science is increasingly answering questions that used to

be the province of religion. Religion was an early attempt to answer the
questions we all ask: Why are we here, Where did we come from? Long ago,
the answer was almost always the same: gods made everything.

The world was a scary place, so even people as tough as the Vikings believed
in supernatural beings to make sense of natural phenomena like lightning,
storms or eclipses. Nowadays, Science provides better and more consistent
answers, but people will always cling to religion, because it gives comfort,
and they do not trust or understand Science.”

Not only does Dr. Steven Hawking insult your intelligence,

he falsely represents science with that claim. Science is a disciplined discovery
to determine what is factual. Science can only operate in the realm of knowable
facts. It is a study in the things that are and how they work and function.

Dr. Hawking avoided 2 key questions:

“Why” were things made? And “Where” are we going?

**But Hawking speaks and makes claims
as if he has the truth.**

This Section Remembered

On Your Mark. Get Set. Be Ready

1.) Be ready to not be surprised	vs. 13-15a
1a.) When you are attacked for the faith	vs. 13
1b.) When you are rejected for His name	vs. 14a
1c.) When you are threatened for doing good	vs. 14b-15a
2.) Be ready to win the argument	vs. 15b
2a.) You will need to validate your claim	vs. 15b
2b.) You will need to provide evidence	vs. 15b
2c.) You will need to exhibit it's power	vs. 15b

Now Peter Calls Us to Know the Reason Why ("why" is the great question – not "how")

On Your Mark. Get Set. Be Ready

3.) Be ready to be confident in the faith	vs. 16-17
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16 having a good **conscience**, that **when** (not if) they **defame** you as **evildoers**, those who **revile** your good **conduct in Christ** may be **ashamed**.

17 For it is better, if it is **the will of God**, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

WHY YOU CAN TRUST THE BIBLE.

DO THE FACTS MATCH UP AGAINST THE BIBLE?

WHY BIBLICAL PROPHECY IS PROOF IN ADVANCE.

IS THE BIBLE RELVANT TO THE HUMAN EXPERINCE?

On Your Mark. Get Set. Be Ready
To Be Confident In The Faith

3a.) Putting your faith to work

vs. 16a

16 having a good **conscience**,

This “having a good conscience” in the original Greek language is powerful. It means that you possess (HAVING) a “Good Conscience” as something you own and maintain (IT’S THE PROPERTY OF THE CHRISTIAN) - - it presupposes that the total “you” is made up of THE KNOWING.

A knowable fact; Not Ignorant.

conscience grk: suneidesis; consciousness. Awareness. Mindfulness as in possessed of the mind by a preoccupation.

Our English Word

Con’science is made up of 2 Latin words that make up our English word (conscience). It comes from a compound of “con” which means “with” and “scio” which means “knowledge”

1 Timothy 4:8 NLT

“Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

Some Group Participation Here

Colossians 1:9-14

For this **reason** (know this) we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge** of His will (I know that) in all wisdom **and spiritual understanding**; (I know that) **10** that you may **walk worthy** of the Lord, **fully pleasing** Him, (I know that) being **fruitful in every good work** and **increasing in the knowledge** of God (I know that); **11 strengthened with all might**, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy (I know that); **12 giving thanks** to the Father who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. (I know that) **13** He has **delivered us** (I know that) from the power of darkness and **conveyed us** into the kingdom of the Son of His love, (I know that) **14** in whom we **have redemption through** His blood, **the forgiveness** of sins. (I know that)

It means that a man or woman who has a clear conscience also has a singularity of focus, of boldness, of courage that is unaffected by externals.

Psalm 118:6

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

We see this with Daniel at the Time of Prayer

Daniel 6 - he prayed as he had always prayed. This time it was against law – so Daniel prayed

We see this with Reformer Martin Luther

18 April 1521 A.D. WORMS, GERMANY:

“Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me! Amen!”

We see this with the Apostles

When in Acts 5 they stood firm with joy as they could not comply but obeyed God in the most winsome display of rebellion.

A tainted conscience is like a dirty window,
which cannot allow all of the light in. Clean the window and know the courage, the boldness, the joy!

So many potentially awesome Christians are crippled
by a weak consciences and are powerless – bored – useless to God.

The Human Conscience:

Regarding children, parents are to protect their innocence as much as is possible because the Conscience is affected by what it is exposed to.

Evil, sinful, godless thoughts, ideas and actions over time begin to callous the human conscience.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, **having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,**

A compromised conscience results in spiritual weakness

Such as mental strife, weak convictions, lack of commitment, nagging doubts, a powerless faith...

What about you – right now – today?
Does your conscience accuse you or does it acquit you?

(Oh pastor, I feel so sad for you, the elections where terrible. True. California is officially the most dangerous state to be in if you're an unborn baby - - but personally, I did everything I could have done. I prayed, I warned, I taught, I preached, I met, I traveled, I prayed, I debated, I prayed, I voted, I prayed)

No, No, Don't Cry for Me – Cry for the Children

:16b that **when** they **defame** you as **evildoers**, those who **revile** your good **conduct** in Christ may be **ashamed**.

Defame grk: katalaleo; (CNN) to create an untruth. To birth “evil” against another. To lie or to engineer or to fabricate falsehood. (FAKE NEWS)

It is to hate what is good.

Revile grk: epereazo; to be malevolent, vindictive, malicious, spiteful. To make opportunity to malign you. Manufacture ACCUSATIONS

Christians do not create problems, Christians reveal problems.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2a, 6-8a

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him (rapture), we ask you, **2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled... **6** And now you know what is restraining, that he (a/c) may be revealed in his own time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He (H.S.) who now restrains will do so until He (H.S.) is taken out of the way (steps aside). **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed,

Right Now – Evil is being restrained by the Holy Spirit who resides in the lives of His true people, the Real church. It is the Real Church that is warring against evil... (some of you might want to ask yourself the question – is your church literally warring against evil or is it a social gathering?)

Here's the Truth - The Fact Is That

you as a Christian, believing and obeying the Gospel of God, is itself an indictment against the non-Christian world.

(Because the Christian cannot agree with or cooperate with an antichrist system of belief or action)

On Your Mark. Get Set. Be Ready
To Be Confident In The Faith

3b.) Resting your faith in Him

vs. 17

:17 For **it is better, if** it is the will of God, to suffer
for doing good than for doing evil.

End of Study

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