

Grow Where You're Planted

1 Peter 3:13-17

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1. _____ (13-14)

- The word “if” means that protection from harm was contingent upon their devotion to doing “what is good” – in other words, doing the Lord’s commands.
 - Doing good does not preclude you from pain and suffering; it exempts you from _____.
- The phrase “But even if” in verse 14:
 - Reminds us there are good _____ for and _____ of suffering. *See Romans 5:3-4.*
 - Reminds us we are called to suffer for _____. *See Romans 1:17, Matthew 6:33.*
 - Reminds us we are _____ if we suffer for righteousness and therefore should not fear what those without Christ fear. *See Isaiah 8:12-13, Matthew 10:28, Psalm 118:6, Romans 8:31.*

2. _____ (15) (“_____”)

- For the follower of Christ, it is our command for how we should be prepared to give a defense of our faith.
 - We can only be ready if we are already _____ His Word and already _____ His Spirit.
 - We see Peter modeling this act of giving a defense in Acts 2:14-39, Acts 3:11-26, Acts 4:8-12, and Acts 5:29-32, each time under the strong influence of the Holy Spirit. *See also Matthew 5:16, 1 John 4:4.*

3. _____ (16-17)

- “There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience” – old French proverb.
 - *See 2 Corinthians 1:12, Romans 2:15, 1 Corinthians 4:4, Acts 24:16.*
- Verse 17 can be read literally as “It is better to suffer because you are a well-doer than not to suffer while being a bad-doer.” *See Philippians 1:29.*