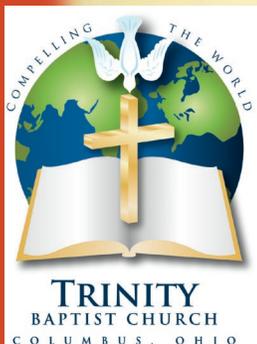


COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANITY



A Bible Study Series | Peter 3
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Objectives

- To examine our Christian relationship as husband and wife
- To consider our Christian responsibility to each other in Christ
- To see how Christian should prepare for hostility
- To note how we are saved through Christ

I Peter 3:10-11

¹⁰ For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. ¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.

Three Major Themes

- Marital Responsibilities
- Called To Inherit A Blessing
- Suffer For Doing What Is Good

Responsibilities in Christian Marriage

I Peter 3:1-7

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. ⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, ⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Responsibility as a Wife

- Be submissive to your husband

- What Submission is Not

- Not agree on everything
- Leaving your brain at the altar
- Do not try to influence your spouse
- Putting the will of the spouse before the will of Christ
- Living and acting in fear or abuse
- Servanthood, Being Inferior, Docile, Degrading, Weak, Silent or without an Opinion

What Submission is

- Obedience to God
- Matter of the Heart
- Order
 - Jesus submitted to His parents
 - Demons submitted to the disciples
 - Citizens should submit to government authority
- The universe will submit to Jesus
- Christians should submit to their church leaders
- The Church should submit to Jesus
- Employees to submit to employers
- Christians Submit to God

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- Testimony of the relationship to the Lordship of Christ

Truth Beauty of Christian Woman

- Inward adornment over Outward adornment
- Dress in modestly
- Real beauty comes from the heart...it is who you are
- Gentle and quiet spirit: Incorruptible

Responsibilities of Husbands

- Dwell with your wives
- Understand his wife
- Give Honor to your wives
 - As the weaker vessel: speaks of her physical make-up
 - As being heirs together of the grace of life: the wife is also his sister in Christ thereby making the husband and wife spiritually equal
 - Prayers will not be hindered
 - Speaking to the husband
 - Motivation for the husband's prayer life

Our Responsibility to Fellow Christians

I Peter 3:8-12

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

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¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good;

they must seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous

and his ears are attentive to their prayer,

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

What is our responsibility?

- Be Unified and Exhibit Love within the body of Christ
 - Be of One Mind
 - Have Compassion for one another
 - Tenderhearted and courteous
 - Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling
 - Responding with blessings
 - You are called to this that you might inherit blessings

Motivation as Christian

- Love life and see good days
- Keep from speaking evil and deceit
- Do good and not evil
- Seek PEACE and pursue it.
- Experience the Lord's Favor
 - He watches the righteous
 - He hears their prayers
 - He turns against those who do evil

Responsibility to Suffer for Righteous...Doing Good

I Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats^[b]; do not be frightened."^[c] 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, 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. 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. ¹⁹ After being made alive,^[d] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.^[e] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

You are suffering for righteousness' sake

- Remember
 - No one will harm you for doing good
 - Sanctify the Lord in Your Hearts
 - Always Remember to Take a Stand
 - Keep a Clear Conscience
 - The Will of God is Best
 - Better to suffer for doing good rather than evil

We Suffer....

- Christ Suffer once for sin
 - He became the just for the unjust
 - He reconciled us to God
 - He made alive the Spirit

Conclusion

- Husbands and wives have a responsibility in Christian marriages
- Christians have responsibility to care for o Other Christians
- As Christians we know we will suffer and Be blessed
- We are saved through Christ