

## 1 Peter 3:8-22

Relationship: Primarily with Church Family

8 to sum up, be of one mind (same thoughts, harmonious)

4 positions of Heart (not doctrinal positions)

Compassion: Sympathy - accompanied endured suffering (1 Cor 12:26)

Brotherly Love: familial

Good Hearted

Courteous: humble hearted in spirit

our Unity is in the way we Position our Hearts

(Ep 4:1-3) <sup>1</sup>I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup>with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

9 we do not respond like the world (reciprocity)

Calling: Bless, Inherit Blessing (Abrahamic Covenant Gen 12:2-3)

10-12 Blessing is Life and Good Days (Eph 6:3)

words - not evil (reviling), deceitful

deeds - good, pursuant to peace

Blessing is linked to Prayer, Favor of God (like vs 7)

we are conduit of His Blessing (Goodness)

shutting off flow to others can sever our own flow

### Suffering

13 we are not persecuted for doing good (heart position)

14 we are persecuted for righteousness (His name Jn 15:20, Ps 2:1-3)

Blessed (Mt 5:10-12) - Rejoice, Reward (Ch 1 - shared sufferings and glory)

15 don't fear - embrace inner (heart) sanctification (holiness)

point of suffering ~ refining (Ch 1, Jam 1:2-3)

- ready Defense of Hope (Faith) with right heart position

context of suffering

16-17 they may be ashamed to revile you in the midst of your right heart position

our heart position when persecuted Creates Opportunity for the gospel

### Christ's Suffering

18 He suffered unjustly for our sins to redeem us

He embraced the death of His flesh for Life in the Spirit

Implication: we imitate Him by...

suffering unjustly that others may seek redemption through our example of Christ embracing death in our flesh (refining) for Life in His Spirit (sanctified hearts)

## Retroactive Redemption (Jn 14:6)

19-20 Preached Gospel to dead before flood - "Divine longsuffering"

Abraham's Bosom (Lk 16:19-31 ~ hades, not hell)

(Ep 4:8-10) <sup>8</sup>Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup>(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

21 flood type of Baptism - OT removal of evil, NT redeemed heart

22 depth of suffering/sacrifice (vs 18) to height of exaltation (Eph 1:20-21)

(Ch 1 - sufferings and glory connected)

(Mt 24:9-14) <sup>9</sup>"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup>"And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup>"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup>"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>"But he who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>14</sup>"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Tribulation designed to cause Offense and Hatred (reciprocity)

Lawlessness designed to cause Diminished Love

Enduring means maintaining Sanctified Hearts and Prioritizing His Gospel