

“Social Standards for the Saints”

Text: I Peter 3:8-9

Scripture reading: Psalm 34:1-10

Introduction: Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:3-4

I. The beneficial disposition – vv. 8-9

A) Provisions – vs. 8

1. Harmonious (united in spirit): (Is. 55:8-9; Philippians 1:15-18)

2. Sympathetic (fellow feelings): (Rom. 12:15; I Cor. 12:25-26)

3. Brotherly (love): (Gal. 6:10; I Thess. 4:9-10)

4. Kindhearted (tenderhearted):

5. Humble in spirit (humble minded):

B) Preventions – vs. 9a (I Pet. 2:21-23; Rom. 12:17; I Cor. 4:12)

C) Purpose – vs. 9b

Application:

1. Striving for heart change:

2. Instituting blessing appropriately:

3. Establish purpose in relationships:

“Let us treasure the virtues and excellencies of our fellow-members, and search for signs of the Spirit’s work in them; and, remembering our own imperfections and failures, let us not fix our eyes upon their defects.” -C. H. Spurgeon; the Prince of Preachers; 1834-1892

SERMON QUOTES:

I. The beneficial disposition – vv. 8-9

A) Provisions – vs. 8

2. Sympathetic (fellow feelings):

Peter Davids,

Believers are to, “...*enter into and experience the feelings of another. ...Christians are to be emotionally involved with each other,*”

B) Preventions – vs. 9a

Thomas Schreiner,

“By ‘*blessing*’ Peter means that believers are to ask God to show His favor and grace upon those who have conferred injury upon them.”