

1. In the two phrases at the end of v. 9, Peter offers two reasons his readers should follow his exhortation. What are those two reasons? (Hints: “for...” and “that...”)
2. Enemy-love is counterintuitive; it simply doesn’t make sense to expect us to love our enemies. Our text twice uses the conjunction “for” (v. 10, 12) to introduce explanations for how enemy-love is the pathway to blessing. What are those explanations?

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Peter's instructions to his readers – as members of society, as household workers, as wives, as husbands, as members of the congregation – are rooted in his desire to see the church have a good name among unbelievers (see. 1 Peter 2:11-12).

1. **Should it even matter to Christians what the world thinks of us?** After all, we know that the world hated Christ, and it will always hate His followers. Should Christians even care about the reputation of the church in the community?
2. **A recent blog post by a Christian leader lists five reasons the church has an image problem:** politics, scandal, self-righteousness, weirdness, hatred.
  - Why do Christians have this kind of reputation? Where do these images of Christians and the church come from?
  - When we encounter criticism, even unfair criticism, it's wise to consider it carefully before dismissing it. Sometimes strangers and even enemies are able to see and willing to say something about blind-spots that we need to think about. How should we process this kind of information?
3. **Of the five traits of a vibrant Christian fellowship listed in 1 Peter 3:8** ("unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind"), which ones does PPC excel at?
  - How have you experienced vibrant fellowship at PPC?
  - How can you utilize your gifts to help others experience the joys of Christian community in our fellowship?