

NOTES: 1 Peter 3:13-18 | Reason for Hope
September 13-14th, Compelled Church

Read Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-18 (NLT)

V13. Eager to do good

don't live in a way that invites persecution. Doing good lessens the difficulties it does not eliminate them

V. 14 But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats

God redeems difficulties ROM. 5:

V. 15 You must worship Christ as Lord of your life (NLT)

Our response is to double down on a life of worship, our responses and behaviors model Christ likeness

Peter is encouraging us to live in such a way that our hope evokes questions about our faith.

Live in a way that Christ would be honored in our hearts, mind, that our actions, responses, reactions, attitudes, perspectives, how to treat or except people, what we say about people, the thoughts we have that we don't say out loud about those people, our prejudice for them.

"Keep your continence clear respond in gentle and respectful way"

Our responses should not align with the world we live in but would mirror and reflect Christ who we live for.

V.16 then if they speak against you, they will be ashamed When they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ

Defining and understanding Hope!

We will not explain our hope unless we fully understand our Hope.

We need to **understand** our Hope, to build complete **trust** in our Hope, so we can confidently **live** out our hope.

Defining our hope: **1 Peter 1:3-6**

³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. ⁶**So be truly glad.** There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.

WORLD VIEW:

Dream, Fingers crossed living, uncertainty. Desire for something good in the future

BIBLICAL VIEW:

Confidence, a certainty. It doesn't just desire something good in the future, it lives in expectation of something good in the future.

It's not just desire but expectation, it's not just expectation but confidence.

We can have confident, expectant hope, because we have confident unwavering faith in God's character and Christ's work on the Cross.

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

The foundation of our faith allows us to walk in the confidence of our Hope

TRUST:

We can trust because our Hope is built on CHRIST!!! A hope we can trust has to be built on the Eternal Promise of Christ

Hebrews 6.19 - We have this hope as an **anchor** for the soul, firm and secure.

Realize this:

Hope cannot be **taken**, it can only be **relinquished**

You may feel **helpless**, but you are not **hopeless**

TRUTH: Helpless is exactly where God wants us to be, helplessness is a gift that draws us to Hopefulness

- we don't achieve internal calm by securing external calm...our peace comes from the Lord

Understanding our hope builds **trust** in our hope so we can **live** out our hope

When we are anchored in our hope in Christ it gives us the foundation where we do not have to be emotionally driven when suffering or persecution or hardship comes.

We rest in the peace of God that passes all understanding

We stand on the promises that are yes and amen

We respond with the confidence and compassion of Christ the source and reason for our hope

VERSES ON HOPE:

1 Peter 1:3-6

Ephesians 2:8-10

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Colossians 1:15-27

Romans 5:1-5