

RESPONDING WHEN GOOD IS REPAID WITH EVIL

1 Peter 3:13–22 (KJV)

I. SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS (vv. 13–17)

Expect Opposition

- Doing good does not guarantee an easy life.
- Faithfulness may bring suffering.
- Do not fear man—trust God.

Be Zealous for Good

- Pursue righteousness with conviction.
- Continue doing good, even when misunderstood.

Be Ready to Give an Answer

- Sanctify Christ as Lord in your heart.
- Defend your faith with:
 - Meekness
 - Reverence
 - A clear conscience

Truth:

It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Notes:

II. CHRIST SUFFERED TO BRING US TO GOD (v. 18)

The Perfect Sacrifice

- Christ suffered **once** for sins.
- The Just died for the unjust.
- His purpose was to bring us to God.

Our Hope

- His suffering accomplished what ours never could.
- Redemption is complete through Christ alone.

Truth:

Christ's suffering secured our reconciliation with God.

Notes:

III. CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER EVIL (vv. 19–20a)

The Proclamation

- Christ proclaimed His victory.
- Every power is subject to Him.
- Evil will ultimately be judged.

Truth:

The risen Christ reigns over every spiritual authority.

Notes:

IV. NOAH, BAPTISM, AND SALVATION (vv. 20b–21)

Noah's Deliverance

- Saved through God's judgment.
- The flood pictures death and new life.

Biblical Baptism

- Water does not save.
- Baptism testifies to:
 - A cleansed conscience
 - Union with Christ
 - His resurrection

Truth:

Baptism pictures the salvation Christ has already accomplished.

Notes:

V. CHRIST EXALTED (v. 22)**The Risen Lord**

- Ascended into heaven.
- Seated at God's right hand.
- Angels, authorities, and powers are subject to Him.

Our Confidence

- Christ's suffering ended in victory.
- Faithful believers will share in His triumph.

Truth:

The cross was not the end—the throne was.

Notes:

CLOSING THOUGHT

The believer's hope is not found in avoiding suffering, but in following the Savior who suffered, conquered death, and now reigns in glory.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

— 1 Peter 3:18 (KJV)