

OVERVIEW OF 1 PETER 3

1. An Extension of the Principle of Submission

- a) Submission of Wives 1 Peter 3:1-4
- b) Character and Conduct of Wives
 - i) Chaste conduct of wife
 - ii) Accompanied by fear
 - iii) Not the outward appearances
 - iv) But the hidden person
 - v) The incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit
 - vi) Precious in the sight of God
 - vii) The example of Sarah 1 Peter 3:5-6

2. An important response from the husband 1 Peter 3:7

- a) Understanding
- b) Giving honour as to a weaker vessel
- c) As heirs together of the grace of life
- d) That prayers may not be hindered

3. In the Church community 1 Peter 3:8-9

- a) Be of one mind
- b) Having compassion for one another
- c) Love as brothers
- d) Be tenderhearted
- e) Be courteous

- f) No evil retaliation
- g) Blessing those who revile us
- h) Called to practise this Christian way of life

6. The eyes of the LORD 1 Peter 3:10-12

- a) Psalm 34:12-16 was cited
- b) The blessing of those who chose to adopt a godly lifestyle
 - i) Refraining the tongue from evil
 - ii) Refraining the lips from speaking deceit
 - iii) Turn away from evil
 - iv) Do good
 - v) Seek peace
- c) The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous
- d) His ears are open to their prayers
- e) The face of the LORD is against those who do evil

7. Suffering for righteousness' sake 1 Peter 3:13-17

- a) The promise of blessing 1 Peter 3:14a
- b) Never be afraid of threats 1 Peter 3:14b
- c) Sanctifying the Lord in our hearts 1 Peter 3:15
- d) Be ready to give a defense of the hope that we have in our heart
- e) With meekness and fear
- f) Having a good conscience
- g) Good conduct
- h) Better to suffer for doing good than evil

8. The Example of the Lord Jesus Christ 1 Peter 3:18

- a) He suffered once for the sins of the world
- b) The just for the unjust
- c) That He might bring us to God
- d) Being put to death in the flesh
- e) But made alive by the Spirit (Resurrection)

9. The Ministry of the Pre-Incarnate Lord 1 Peter 3:19-22

- a) He was there in the days of Noah
- b) Noah took years to finish building the Ark
- c) Only 8 souls were saved
- d) An antitype which now saves us - Baptism
- e) Having a good conscience toward God
Through the Lord Jesus Christ

Text: 1 Peter 4

FOCUS: "Sanctify the Lord God in your heart" 1 Peter 3:15
"The end of all things is at hand" 1 Peter 4:7

1. Having the same mindset as the Lord Jesus 1 Peter 4:1

- a) The suffering of the Lord to be borne in mind
- b) Be prepared to suffer for the Lord
- c) Suffering helps us to cease from sin

2. The Sanctified life 1 Peter 4:2-6

- a) Do not live in lusts
- b) But for the Will of God
- c) Enough of the past lifetime doing the will of the Gentiles
- d) Forsake the world's lifestyle 1 Peter 4:3-4
- e) To live according to God in the Spirit 1 Peter 4:6

3. The End of all things is at hand 1 Peter 4:7-11

- a) Be serious
- b) Be watchful in your prayers
- c) Have fervent love for one another
- d) Be hospitable without grumbling
- e) Be good stewards of the manifold grace of God
 - i) Utilising our gifts well
 - ii) Speaking gift
 - iii) Ministry gift
 - iv) Do all things for the glory of God

4. The Fiery Trial that lies ahead 1 Peter 4:12-16

- a) A partaker of the suffering of the Lord Jesus 1 Peter 4:12-13
- b) The kind of suffering that may be experienced
 - i) Reproach
 - ii) Blasphemy
 - iii) Suffering as a Christian
- c) Don't suffer as:
 - i) A murderer
 - ii) A thief
 - iii) An evildoer
 - iv) A busybody in other people's matters

5. Judgment to begin in the house of God 1 Peter 4:17-19

- a) God judges the people in His own house
- b) It begins with us
- c) Those who do not obey the Gospel would also be judged
 - i) Reference to Isaiah 10 concerning Judgment of Israel and the nations
 - ii) Recompense is a key principle employed by God Proverbs 11:31
- d) The challenge is to commit our souls to the will of God in doing what is good