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Sanctify Christ

Put on Christ

Analogy between Noah and the flood
corresponding to baptism

1. How did Peter use a rhetorical question to explain his point? ([3:13](#))

1 Peter 3:13

¹³ Who is there to harm you if you **prove** **zealous** for what is **good**?

Prove - means “to become” and points to believers’ should be **good** and above reproach

Zealous - means “intensity” or “enthusiasm” and describes a person with great passion for a specific cause

Good - refers generally to a life characterized by generosity, unselfishness, kindness, and thoughtfulness toward others

1. How did Peter use a rhetorical question to explain his point? ([3:13](#))

A. Christians must stand up for Christ no matter what we suffer.

B. By standing up for Christ -
Do what is right and good.

2. What did Peter say about suffering for what is right? (3:14)

1 Peter 3:14

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, **you are blessed**. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

YOU ARE BLESSED and not to fear the terror of persecution

2. What did Peter say about suffering for what is right? ([3:14](#))

C. You are blessed to suffer for what is right.

James 1:12

¹² **Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.**

2. What did Peter say about suffering for what is right? (3:14)

D. It is a privilege and honor to suffer for the cause of Christ.

Matthew 5:10-12

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

¹² "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2. What did Peter say about suffering for what is right? ([3:14](#))

E. Sufferings brings Christians into fellowship with the Man of Sorrows.

Isaiah 53:3

³ He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

James 1:2-4

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

3. What did Peter instruct his readers to be prepared for? (3:15)

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always** *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

- A. Set your heart on Christ and the great hope He gives
- B. Be ready to answer and defend the hope of salvation
- C. Make your defense with gentleness and reverence.

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

Sanctify (*hagiasate*) means “to set apart,” or “consecrate.”

A. Believers who **sanctify Christ** set Him apart from all others.

Jesus is the focus of:

- a. The believers love
- b. Their reverence
- c. Their loyalty
- d. Their obedience

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

B. Believers recognize Jesus Christ's:

a. Perfection

Hebrews 7:26-28

²⁶ For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

²⁸ For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

b. **Magnify His glory**

Acts 7:55-56

⁵⁵ But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

⁵⁶ and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

c. His pre-eminence

Colossians 1:18

¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

d. Believers are to submit to His will.

Ephesians 6:5-6

⁵ Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

Always indicates believers' need for constant preparedness and readiness to respond

To everyone who asks them

To give an account for why they live and believe the way they do.

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? (3:15)

Hope - The **Christian faith** is the motive for believers' embracing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is their anticipation of escaping hell and entering eternal glory. **Hope is the focus** for believers regarding their salvation.

Ephesians 4:4-7

⁴ *There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as also you were called in **one hope** of your calling;*

⁵ **one Lord**, **one faith**, **one baptism**,

⁶ **one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**

⁷ But to **each one** of us **grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

Reverence - devotion to God, a deep regard for His truth, and even respect for the person listening.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

²⁴ The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

4. How were these readers to give the reason for their hope in Christ? ([3:15](#))

Gentleness - to meekness or humility, not in the sense of weakness but in the sense of not being dominant or overbearing.

Ephesians 4:15-16

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,
¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

5. Why are believers to keep a clear conscience? (3:16)

1 Peter 3:16

¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

A. Those who oppose and persecute believers will be put to shame by the believer's good behavior and clear conscience

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

5. Why are believers to keep a clear conscience? ([3:16](#))

C. The believer must be living a good life.

D. His conduct and behavior must be holy, righteous, pure, decent, upright, above reproach and without blame (cannot be justly blamed with any sin or evil).

6. When is it all right to suffer, and when is it a waste? (3:17)

1 Peter 3:17

¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

It is God's will you suffer for doing right

Suffering is wasted while doing wrong

6. When is it all right to suffer, and when is it a waste? (3:17)

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

1 Peter 2:19-20

¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

7. What did Peter say about Christ's death? (3:18)

1 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the unjust*, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

- A. **Jesus died on the cross - once for sins for all**
- B. **Jesus is the just One dying for the unjust (man)**
- C. **Jesus loves man; therefore, He gave His life for man**
- D. **Jesus died to bring man to God**

8. Through whom and to whom did Christ preach? (3:19-20)

1 Peter 3:19-20

¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison,

²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

8. Through whom and to whom did Christ preach? (3:19-20)

Jesus proclaimed to the spirits now in prison who once were disobedient.

Jesus went where?

What did Jesus proclaimed (preached)?

Who are the spirits now in prison who were once disobedient?

8. Through whom and to whom did Christ preach? ([3:19-20](#))

The **disobedient** who rebelled against God from the beginning of time, proclaimed His triumph to all those who had rebelled against God from the beginning of time.

The **disobedient** toward whom God was longsuffering

The **disobedient** who were not saved during the flood

Salvation
Your free
gift

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.
¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

1 John 2:16

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Your life on Earth
Church of Christ
Kingdom of Christ

Salvation

Baptism

Confession

Repentance

Faith

Hear

Lost Sinner

All will experience death

Faithful till Death

Unfaithful who
Fell Away

All Non-Christians

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Hades/Sheol

Faithful



Paradise

Abraham's Bosom

Great Chasm

Great Gulf

No Crossing

Pits of Darkness

Torment

Resurrection of the saved



2 Peter 2:4

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

Jude 1:6

⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

Resurrection of Lost



Luke 16:22-23

²² "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

²³ "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 23:43

⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Luke 16:26

²⁶ 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

Unfaithful who fell away



Non-Christians



2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Heaven

Matthew 25:46

⁴⁶ "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Righteous

JUDGMENT

Unrighteous

Hell

Matthew 25:41

⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

John 5:28-29

²⁸ "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,
²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

Resurrection of the saved

Resurrection of the Lost

9. How are we saved? (3:21)

1 Peter 3:21

²¹ Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Baptism now saves man for their sins

9. How are we saved? (3:20-21)

Noah, his wife, their 3 sons with their wives were obedient to God.

They build an Ark per God's instructions.

Water destroyed all the sinners.
Gen. 6: 1-3

The Ark saved only 8 because they were obedient.

Baptism saves man today. It is a type of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The water (the agency) having your sins washed away – covered by the blood of Jesus. Not the washing of dirt from your body.

Appeal for a good conscience (your obedience) – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

10. Where did Christ go after His resurrection? (3:22)

1 Peter 3:22

²² who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

A. Jesus is in heaven

B. Jesus is at the right hand of God

C. Angels, authorities and powers are subjected to Him