

Strangers in the World: an Exposition of 1 Peter

SPEAK UP FOR JESUS

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Introduction 1 Peter 3:18-22

What is the primary thrust of what Peter has to say in 1 Peter 3:18-22?

The Testimony of Behavior 1 Peter 3:13

Peter has repeatedly emphasized how important it is for Christians to live h_____ lives and to do g_____ works.

1 Pet. 1:14-16, 2:15, 20, 3:10-11

How do the following passages connect holiness and good works with giving testimony about Christ to unbelievers?

1 Pet.2:12—

1 Pet. 3:1-2—

People will not give much weight to what we say about Christ if they don't see Christ reflected in the way we _____.

Self-assessment: What kind of testimony do people get about Christ when they look at my life?

The Problem of Fear 1 Peter 3:14-15a

F_____ and intimidation are two of the biggest hurdles Christians face in standing up for what is right and testifying for Christ.

According to Peter, how can we overcome our fear of people so that we can live and speak out for Christ? 1 Pet. 3:15a

But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts... 1 Pet. 3:15a NASB

It is the Lord of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread. Isaiah 8:13

Our problem is that we fear p_____ more than we fear God.

The one you fear most is the one you o_____ most; the one you obey most is the one who is your l_____.

Self-assessment: Whom do I fear most?

The Testimony of Words 1 Peter 3:15b-16

Testimony by behavior is important, but we must also give a testimony to Christ in w_____.

Characteristics of the verbal testimony Peter urges us to give:

1. We must be p_____, which means we must prepare.
2. We are to be ready a_____.
3. We are to give an answer to everyone who a_____, which assumes others see something different in us.
4. We are to testify with gentleness and r_____.
5. We are to keep a c_____ conscience.

Self-assessment: What keeps me from giving verbal testimony for Christ?

Conclusion

To take home: ***Believers must overcome fear and find courage to give a living and verbal testimony for Christ.***

Challenge: **Fight the fear. Be courageous. Live for Jesus. Speak up for Jesus.**