



**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-12    Date: April 24, 2022    Speaker: Paul Mermilliod**

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[8] Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. [9] Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. [10] For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
[11] let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
[12] For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

**BIG TRUTH:**

**God’s People Pursue Christlikeness**

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

**WHY PURSUE CHRISTLIKENESS?**

Big Idea: God’s people pursue Christlikeness because they long to live within the blessing of His presence. (1Pet 3:9, 12)

**HOW DO WE PURSUE CHRISTLIKENESS?**

Big Idea: Christlikeness prioritizes love for one another over our personal needs and interests. (1 Peter 3:8)

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 1 Peter 1:22

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

Big Idea: Christlikeness rejects retaliation and retribution and replaces them with blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)

Big Idea: Christlikeness embraces a lifestyle of repentance and godliness. (1 Peter 3:10-12)