



**Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-17    Date: May 1, 2022    Speaker: Paul Mermilliod**

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[13] Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? [14] But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, [15] but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. [17] For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:13-17

**BIG TRUTH:**

**GOD'S PEOPLE GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS THROUGH SUFFERING AND OPPOSITION**

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

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1 Peter 3:14

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:17

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

**Big Idea:**

**Experiencing opposition and loss for the passionate pursuit of gospel good produces Christlikeness.**

**1 Peter 3:13, 17**

**Big Idea:**

**Entrusting our fear and anxiety of suffering and opposition to God produces Christlikeness.**

**1 Peter 3:14, 17**

**Big Idea:**

**Honoring Jesus as holy when facing opposition and suffering produces Christlikeness.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

**Big Idea:**

**Being ready to provide a defense for the hope within us produces Christlikeness.**

**1 Peter 3:15-16**