

A Christ Honoring Response in Suffering

1 Peter 3:8-17

Introduction: *Peter calls believers to respond to insults and various kinds of suffering in a radically different way than we might expect. This response brings glory to Christ and is one way that Christ is made known through us to a lost world.*

In suffering, believers can bring honor to Jesus by demonstrating:

1. Compassionate conduct (8)

John 17:20-23

Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12

2. A determination to repay with a blessing (9-12)

Matthew 5:38-39, 43-48

Christ our example...1 Peter 2:20b-23

3. An eagerness to do good (13)

4. A calmness in suffering (14)

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed= "privileged"

5. A prepared, gentle witness (15-16)

"Sanctify" or "Set apart" Christ as Lord

6. A conviction that God is in control (17)

Sometimes it is God's will to suffer...Acts 4:27-28