

I Peter 3:8-22 - Part 1

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6-27-18

The Blessing of Living with Christian Suffering (vv. 8-12)

Treating suffering at greater length

- “Trials” in 1:6 → Christ’s example in 2:19-24 → 3:8ff. = summary & preparation

V. 9 - “you were called”

- Previously:
 - To join with Jesus in his redemptive suffering
 - To be holy as he is holy, lived out in all our relationships
- Here: “that you might _____ a blessing”
 - Psalm 34:10-12
 - Not works-based righteousness, but response to grace with _____ lives
 - Call to _____ amidst suffering!

V. 8 - 5 characteristics of lives of blessing

- Not random, but connected. The key: _____
 - Reflects corpus of apostolic instruction (cf. Rom. 12:9-19; Eph. 4:1-3, 31-32; Col. 3:12-15; I Thess. 5:13-22)
- “Harmonious”
 - Oneness in _____ and _____
 - Cf. Phil 2; Matt. 16:23
 - Only available at the foot of the cross
- “Sympathetic”
 - “_____”
 - Cf. Heb. 4:15; Paul’s theology of the body in I Cor. 12:26
- “Brotherly (love)”
 - Not mere comradeship, but _____
 - Not loose association of individuals, but a spiritual _____

- “Kindhearted”
 - Εὐσπλαγχοὶ (yoo'-splingkh-noi)
 - From εὖ, "good" and σπλάγχιον, "the visceral organs" (_____)
 - _____-level sympathy
 - Cf. Eph. 4:32
 - Jesus _____ his compassion upon us

- “Humble in spirit”
 - _____
 - Characterizes the inner life of God - persons in/for the other
 - gods' passion vs. God's Passion
 - The way of life for those redeemed by the blood of Jesus = lowliness in _____.

In the face of opposition: v. 9

- Echoes of Matt. 5:44; Acts 7:60ff.