



The Epistles of Peter
1 Peter 3:8-12
From Sermon 11.30.25

Read *1 Peter 3:8-12*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Once again, this is probably the where the chapter break should have been made in 1 Peter 3. This rich section literally states "to sum up" all of that which the Apostle has laid out. The focus moves from just surviving in a hostile world to living a good life of love and blessing. It could not be more counter-cultural. The secret to real life isn't in materialism, power, fame, health, prosperity, external peace, or absence of tribulation. It's found in inner peace with God and righteous conduct.

1. Before our break from 1st Peter, what has the Holy Spirit highlighted so far? Discuss each.

- Our identity in Christ (elect & unified) and, therefore, strangers in this world.
- Joy in tribulations is a choice.
- The Word of God is the transcendent comfort and promise of glory.
- Our conduct as believers affects our strength as believers and priests.
- Our submission to God-ordained authority influences our testimony.

2. What does the world say is the good life—the real life? Various answers. Wealth, influence, popularity, the absence of trials, fun, pleasure, physical indulgence, little to no rules or restrictions (on me).

2a. Notice all of those worldly elements are based on circumstances and emotions. What do each of them turn out to be in the end? Very temporary. Empty lies. False gods. See also *Ecclesiastes 5:10, Mark 8:36, & 1 John 2:15-17* [Discuss: The entire purpose of the advertising world is to instill discontent.]

3. What does the Bible say is the good life here and where is our best life? The good life here is contentment that is above our circumstances and living in quiet obedience. It comes from realizing the truth about worldly values and desires. Our best life comes in glory. See *Philippians 4:11-13 & 1 Timothy 6:6-9*

4. How does the culture say we should respond to reviling and insults? An eye for an eye. Make sure you're heard and make them feel as bad as you. Retaliate by pointing out their faults and flaws. Curse them.

4a. How does the Bible say we should respond to the same? Walk away. Pray for them. Bless them. understand they are under the authority of the evil one.

See *Matthew 5:44, Romans 12:14, & Ephesians 4:32, & 2 Timothy 2:24-26*

5. Peter extensively quotes Psalm 34, regarding our words and speech. Despite what we claim to believe, what do our words and responses reveal? Our true heart.

6. Discuss the doctrine of who God's not hearing/answering.

- The Lost
- False Religions
- The Rebellious Believer

6a. Does this truth disturb you or motivate you? Various Personal Answers