



1 Peter 3:13-16

In verse 13, Peter asks a rhetorical question: “Who is going to **harm** you if you are eager to do **good**?”

The implied answer: **No one**

1 Peter 2:21-23

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Jesus said that He is the Son of God and that He is the **only** way to the Father. He was insulted and persecuted and as a follower of Christ you are to **follow** in those same steps.

**Suffer** for doing right and you are **blessed**.

1 Peter 4:12-16

**Rejoice**: not just in suffering, but that you get to be a part of **Christ's** sufferings.

1 Peter 3:15

Peter is saying to put Christ in His rightful position as **Lord of your life**

We need to be **prepared** to give an answer.

“answer” – comes from “apologia” which means to give an answer back, to give a **defense**.

We have to be knowledgeable of the **Word**. We have to speak with confidence and in a way that we can be **understood**.

A good way to define meekness is **power** under control. We have this awesome power of God in our life and we need to **communicate** it appropriately.

1 Peter 3:16

A clear conscience allows us to speak **freely**, confidently and with courage.

Unbelievers will look for **opportunities** to point out a Christian's sin because it allows them to **justify** their own behavior.

It is a **transformed** life, someone who is a believer in Jesus Christ, whom is seeking to grow and allows the Holy Spirit to work inside him or her that moves toward this reality in their life.

## LIVING THE LIFE

All believers in Christ have been **called** to be like Christ, to do good, and to grow in Him.

You may suffer harm for **doing good** and following Christ.

The way to deal with these attacks is to **keep** Christ in a centered position as Lord of your life.

With Christ at the center you are able to not fear and to be prepared with your defense of the **hope** that you have in Christ.

When we do respond, we need to have an **attitude** and **speech** that is gentle, respectful, under control, and which does not lead us into sin.