

Releasing Fear

1 Peter 3:13-22

The Weight of Grace, 11

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We can boldly interact with our world graciously ... 3:13-17

"now who is there to harm you ..."

... knowing that God is good ... 3:14a

"even if you should suffer ... you will be blessed"

releasing our fear and worry. 3:14b

"have no fear of them, nor be troubled"

valuing Christ as the greatest treasure. 3:15a

"in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy"

as we live with an awareness of our hope in Christ. 3:15b

"always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks"

as we live with an awareness of God's provision. 3:16

"having a good conscience"

... knowing that God is in control. 3:17

"it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will"

Why is it better to suffer for good than for doing evil? 3:18-22

... because the story is not yet finished. 3:18-20

Christ suffered and brought us to God.

"Christ also suffered ... that he might bring us to God"

He died and rose and ascended to victory.

"being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit in which he went"

*Noah's story foreshadows ours.

*Baptism is our identification with this story.

... because we are delivered from fear when we identify with that story. 3:21-22

"baptism ... now saves you ... as an appeal to God for a good conscience"

Our Story

What specific fears do you need to face as it relates to following Christ?

How will you develop your awareness of God's grace in your life?

QUOTE

"No one ever told me grief felt so much like fear." C. S. Lewis