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**YOUR BLESSED LIFE NOW**

**1 Peter 3:8-22**

**Passage in a Sentence:** When, as sojourners, we are called to suffer for righteousness' sake, let us do so fearlessly and faithfully, knowing we will be sustained and vindicated by Jesus, who is risen and reigning.

**AS BELIEVERS WE ARE CALLED TO:**

**I. LIVE HARMONIOUSLY. (3:8)**

- a. Pursue unity and humility of mind.
- b. Have sympathy.
- c. Love affectionately and tenderly.

**II. RESPOND GRACIOUSLY. (3:9)**

- a. The Gospel of Christ transforms the way we view and treat the people who harm us most.
- b. The Gospel demands that I not treat my enemies as they deserve to be treated; rather, I treat them as Christ has treated me.
- c. By not:
  - i. Repaying evil with evil.
  - ii. Reviling with reviling.
- d. By:
  - i. Blessing.
- e. That:
  - i. You may obtain a blessing.

**III. WALK DISTINCTIVELY. (3:10-12)**

- a. By how you talk.
- b. By how you walk.
- c. Living the good life.
- d. For the sake of your prayers.
- e. Because the Lord is against those who do evil.

**IV. SUFFER FEARLESSLY. (3:13-17)**

- a. Because:
  - i. You are blessed.
  - ii. Christ is Lord.
- b. Therefore:
  - i. Share the gospel continuously.
  - ii. Share the gospel gently and reverently.

**V. TRUST COMPLETELY. (3:18-20)**

- a. Suffering for righteousness' sake is worth whatever it costs us, because:
  - i. Christ, the righteous one, suffered for the sake of the unrighteous.
  - ii. Christ was vindicated.
  - iii. Like Christ and Noah, we will be vindicated.
  - iv. Because Christ is risen and reigning.