

Discussion questions for I Peter 3:8-17, "Suffering ... for Christ's sake"

1.) (v. 8-9) Can you describe a harmonious relationship? What element of this list could you especially apply in your relationships? How?

2.) (v. 10) What facet of self control is highlighted as a step toward a joyful life? Why do we struggle so with this?

3.) (v. 11) How is pursuing peace different from seeking it? Where might you be able to pursue peace?

4.) (v. 12) How does God respond to those who seek to please Him? And to those who ignore Him? What light does Isaiah 59:1-2 and Habakkuk 1:13 shed on God's response to men?

5.) (v. 13-14) What benefit is gained by suffering for righteousness sake? What does God's blessing look like? How can we enjoy that today?

6.) (v. 14-15) Why do we struggle with fear and anxiety? How does Jesus' Lordship help us overcome fear?

7.) (v. 15) How do we go about setting Jesus as Lord in our hearts?

8.) How can we prepare ourselves to answer those who ask us to account for our faith? Why might Peter emphasize the need to respond with gentleness and respect?

9.) (v.16-17) Why is a clear conscience so helpful? How can we practically strive to maintain a clear conscience?

