



LIVE THIS WAY

I. There are _____ that all Christians are called to have.

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. v. 8

II. Those characteristics shape how we _____ to people who wrong us.

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. vv. 9-14a

III. The way we respond can open the door for others to know _____.

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. vv. 14b-16

And Jesus is the only _____ we have for living this way.

EXCHANGE fear and anxiety **FOR** _____ **and appreciation**

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy ... v. 14

EXCHANGE focus on current suffering **FOR** focus on _____ **blessings**

... the hope that is in you ... v. 15

EXCHANGE preparing to "make your case" **FOR** preparing to "make _____"

... always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason ... v. 15



Communion

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26). Learn more about how we remember Jesus and proclaim Him as our risen Savior through the Lord's Supper.

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. What points from the sermon gave you a new insight, encouraged you or were especially convicting for you?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:8-16. What's the difference between *like-mindedness* and *uniformity*? How can Christians find unity even though they are diverse?
3. Do Christians ever suffer because of the actions of other believers? How should the believer respond to suffering unjustly from other believers?
4. What is your typical response to experiencing suffering or conflict with others?
5. Peter says defending of our faith must be done with *gentleness* and *respect*. What do these two words mean, and what do they look like practically?
6. How is God calling you to practice blessing those who harm you and to pursue reconciliation with them?
7. Why is learning to show compassion good preparation for the time when persecution will touch our lives?
8. Which attitude in this passage is God calling you to work on most? How will you seek to improve it?

HELPFUL Quotes

Many of the problems of life are caused by the wrong words, spoken in the wrong spirit. Every Christian should read James 3 regularly and pray Psalm 141:3 daily. How well Peter knew the sad consequences of hasty speech! There is no place for lies in the life of a saint. - Warren Wiersbe

Christians have an incredible contribution to make to the society in which they live by breaking the cycle of people returning evil for evil. As we begin to do good, most people will return that good by doing good. What a marvelous ministry—with very immediate and measurable results. Just as people tend to return evil for evil, they usually return good for good. Indeed, when you do good, blessing comes to everyone involved - Paul Cedar

The process of spiritual growth is a long and often painful one. En route to maturity, we all spill our milk, say things we shouldn't and fail to act our age. Sometimes we throw temper tantrums like toddlers or pout like preschoolers or argue and complain like teens. All the while we should be conducting ourselves as mature believers, setting an example to those who are younger in the faith. We may have the knowledge, but we don't have the will to do what's right. Even those who are spiritually mature have days when they take a return trip to the "terrible twos." - Chuck Swindoll

SERMON BLANKS: characteristics, respond, Jesus, hope, worship, future, His case

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner With Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!