

Standing in the True Grace of God

Peter's Life, Letters and Lord

1 Peter 3:8–12

Read 1 Peter 3:8–12.

1. Who is Peter addressing in this passage when he writes “all of you”?

2. Peter gives five commands in verse 8. List them in the chart below. Then briefly write how Jesus taught and lived them out and how we are called to follow his example.

| Command | Jesus' Teaching and Example | Our Calling |
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| | Jn. 17:20–23 | Phil. 2:2 |
| | Heb. 4:15 | 1 Cor. 12:12, 21–26 |
| | 1 Jn. 3:16a | 1 Jn. 3:16b–18 |
| | Matt. 9:36 | Eph. 4:32 |
| | Phil. 2:5–8 | Phil. 2:3–4 |

3. Which of these commands is the most difficult for you to follow as you relate to others?

Why?

4. What has God provided to help us in our struggle to follow Jesus' example? (Rom. 8:26; 2 Cor. 12:7–10; 2 Pet. 1:3)

5. In verse 9 what does Peter instruct us not to do?

What does he instruct us to do instead?

Why?

6. What did Jesus teach and model about repaying evil with good? (Lk. 6:27–36, 23:32–34)

Why do we need to imitate him? (v. 9; 2:21–23; 2:12)

7. Jesus' giving his life for those who hated him is the ultimate example of blessing your adversaries. As you consider those who have hurt, wronged or insulted you, what does “blessing” (v. 9) them look like?

8. Peter now reinforces his point by quoting from Psalm 34. What should the person do who “would love life and see good days” (v. 10)?

9. Why is it so important to keep “[your] tongue from evil and [your] lips from deceitful speech” (v. 10)? (Prov. 10:19, 13:3; James 3:3–12) (Consider verses 8 and 9.)

10. What benefit (“blessing,” v. 9) do the righteous enjoy? (v. 12) In contrast, what does the Psalmist say is the consequence evildoers will suffer?

11. Pick a phrase from 1 Peter 3:10–12 that expresses a desire of your heart. Write a brief prayer asking the Lord to help you in that area of life.