

# From the Cross to the Crown 3

## 1 Peter 3

### Introduction

- A. Remember Peter Refers to Christians as Certain Types of People in 1 Peter
- B. Also Remember the Themes of Chapter 1 & 2
  - 1. Chapter 1 - Saved People
  - 2. Chapter 2 - Separate People
- C. Since Christians Are Saved and Separate, Peter Refers to Them as a Submissive People
  - 1. Submissive in Marital Responsibilities - **Verses 1-7**
  - 2. Submissive in Their Mutual Responsibilities - **Verses 8-17**
  - 3. Submissive in Their Missionary Responsibilities - **Verses 18-22**

### I. Christians Are to Be Submissive in Their Marital Responsibilities

- A. **1 Peter 3:1-7** - God's Marriage Manual to Husbands & Wives
  - 1. Peter Gives the Following Advice To Wives
    - a. Be in Subjection to Own Husband - **Verse 1**
    - b. Chaste - Pure from Carnality, Chaste, Modest. Pure from Every Fault, Immaculate - **Verse 2**
    - c. Watch What You Wear - Place Priorities on Inward Beauty over the Outward Adorning - **Verse 3**
    - d. A Meek / Quite Spirit Is a Precious, High Priced Commodity in God's Sight - **Verse 4**
  - 2. Peter Gives the Following Advice to Husbands
    - a. Dwell - To Dwell Together - of the Domestic Association - **Verse 7**
    - b. According to Knowledge - Wisely, Intelligently, Understanding - **Verse 7**
    - c. Honour - a Valuing, Preciousness, Compliment - **Verse 7**
    - d. Weaker Vessel - Not Weaker Morally, Intelligently, Spiritually, but No Doubt Physically - **Verse 7**
    - e. Be Heirs Together - **Verse 7**
    - f. Vital Blessing of Prayer Is Affected by Way Husbands / Wives Dwell Together - **Verse 7**
- B. Text Purpose - To Promote Peace - Unity - Harmony - Peace - Happiness in Home
- C. Husbands & Wives Can Totally Ignore Each Other - Sleep in Different Rooms - Live Separate Lives - Go Their Own Selfish Ways - Agree to Disagree, Have Certain Amount of Peace, but Not God's Peace!
- D. Ten Commandments for Husbands - On Separate Handout
- E. Ten Commandments for Wives - On Separate Handout

### II. Christians Are to Be Submissive in Their Mutual Responsibilities

- A. **1 Peter 3:8-17** - God's Manual to Christians in Mutual Responsibilities
  - 1. A Part of this Involves Cultivating Christian Love - **Verse 8**
    - a. Love - Loving Brother or Sister; in Broader Sense, Loving like a Brother

- b. The Whole Law Is Summed up in Love - **Matthew 22:37-40**
- 2. Unity of mind - **Verse 8**
- 3. Compassion - Feeling for Others - **Verse 8**
- 4. Pity - Compassionate, Tenderhearted - **Verse 8**
- 5. Courteous - Friendly, Kind - **Verse 8**
  - a. A Christian Can Live on One of 3 Levels
    - 1] Return Evil for Good
    - 2] Return Good for Good - Evil for Evil - Which Is Human Nature
    - 3] Return Good for Evil - Which Is Divine
- 6. Love Life - **Verse 10**
  - a. Love - To Welcome with Desire, Long for - Indicates to Drive Pleasure from Life - Render It Agreeable to Oneself
  - b. Life Here Not Physical Life, but the Principle Part of Life in the Spirit and Soul
  - c. The Love of Life Is the Attitude of Faith That Sees the Best in Everything - Optimism
  - d. Christians Need Take a Positive View of Life, And, by Faith, Make the Best of Every Situation
- 7. Control the Tongue - **Verse 10**
- 8. Do Good & Eschew Evil - **Verse 11**
  - a. Eschew - To Turn Oneself Away
- 9. Seek Peace & Pursue it - **Verse 11**
  - a. Peace - The Tranquil State of the Soul Assured of its Salvation Through Christ, and Fearing Nothing from God, and Content with its Earthly Lot, of Whatever That May Be
- B. Christians Are to Be Submissive in Their Mutual Responsibilities by Sanctifying the Lord God - **Verses 13-15**
  - 1. What Does it Mean to Sanctify the Lord
    - a. Sanctify - To Render, or Declare Sacred or Holy, Consecrate; to Render or Acknowledge to Be Venerable, to Hallow
    - b. Christ Is Set Apart in Our Hearts by Obedience to His Commands
  - 2. Christians Will Willingly Suffer for Righteousness Sake - **Verses 13-14**
    - a. Must Put Christ 1st in Everything
    - b. When Trust Christ, Each Crisis Becomes Opportunity to Stand for Truth
- C. Christians Are to Be Submissive in Their Mutual Responsibilities by Maintaining a Good Conscience - **Verses 16-17**
  - 1. What Is Our Conscience?
    - a. Conscience - The Soul as Distinguishing Between What Is Morally Good or Bad, Prompting to Do the Former, Shun the Latter, Commending the One and Condemning the Other
    - b. Conscience Enables Us to Know with Either Approval or Disapproval of Our Actions
    - c. Conscience May Be Compared with a Window That Lets in God's Truth. If Persist in

Disobedience, the Window Becomes Dirtier and Dirtier or Defiled

2. Proper Conscience Depends on Knowledge of the Truth

a. Paul as Example - **Acts 23:1**

b. Good Conscience - Properly Trained - Gives Us Peace of Mind

### **III. Christians Are to Be Submissive in Missionary Responsibilities**

A. **1 Peter 3:18-22** - God's Manual to Christians in Missionary Responsibilities

1. Christ Submissive to His Task

a. Christ Died for Our Sins - **Romans 5:6**

1] To Bring Us to God

2] Suffered Once for Our Sins

b. Christ Arose From the Grave

1] Quickened - To Make Alive

c. Came Forth from Grave to Proclaim Salvation for All

d. Christ Ascended back to Heaven

1] To a Position of Preeminence - Honour - Dignity - Power

2] Now at Right Hand of God

3] Angels - Authorities - Powers Made Subject to Him

2. Noah Was Submissive to His Task - **Verses 19-20**

a. What Was Noah's Task

1] To Do as God Instructed

2] To Build the Ark & Preach to the People

3] Noah Accomplished His Task - Though Only 8 Saved

B. Christians Are to Be Submissive to Task of Making Known Gospel

1. The Flood Was a Type of Baptism - **Verses 20-21**

C. Christ & Noah Were Both Submissive to Task

D. Therefore Christians Must Know What Their Task Is

1. **Matthew 28:18-20 - Mark 16:15-16**

2. Apostles & Early Disciples Our Examples

E. Have You Been Submissive to Your Responsibilities - Mission Minded

1. World Is Dying in Sin - Think of the Song The Gospel Is for All

2. Our World Only a Few Steps Away; Just out our Door

### **Conclusion**

A. Peter Refers to Christians as a Saved People, a Separate People, and a Submissive People

B. Christians Are to Be Submissive to Their Mutual Responsibilities - Their Mutual Responsibilities  
And Their Missionary Responsibilities

C. Invitation