

How to Stand in a Hostile World

Text: 1 Peter 3:13-17

Main Idea: Standing in a hostile world requires continuing in goodness, fearlessly trusting God and defending our faith to a lost questioning world!

1. Be _____ for doing _____ because of God's promises! (v. 13-14a, v. 17)

- Unlike the wicked, God will not _____ the righteous on the Day of Judgment. (v. 13, Romans 8:31)
- If we should suffer for doing good by God's will, God promises to _____ us in the next life with future reward! (v. 14a, v. 17, Matt 5:10-12)

2. Be _____ by _____ in God! (v. 14b-15a, Is 8:11-15)

- **Negative** Command: Refrain from _____ & trust God!
- **Positive** Command: Continue to reverence Christ as _____ in your hearts!

3. Be _____ to make a defense of the _____ that is in you. (v. 15b-16)

- Defense comes out of our _____: Hope that is within you!
- Defense is made out of _____: ALWAYS!
- Defense requires _____.
- Defense requires _____: to anyone who asks.
- Defense must be made with _____ & respect to preserve a good conscience before God!
- Defense may be rejected leading to eternal _____!