

Peter began a specific section of his letter in 2:11. That section goes through 3:12.

- As strangers and temporary residents, keep away from fleshly desires.
- Have good conduct among the pagans, that they may see your deeds and glorify God.
- Submit to every governing authority.
- Slaves, submit to your masters, even when that means enduring injustice.
- Wives, submit to your husbands with a gentle and quiet spirit.
- Husbands, live considerately with your wives and honor them as fellow heirs of life.

Peter concludes the section by addressing all his readers whatever their station in life may be.

Read 1 Peter 3:8-12.

List and describe the 5 things Peter tells us to be.

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

List and describe what Peter tells us not to do.

Why is it important that we bless even people who treat us poorly?

How does the quote from Psalm 34:12-16 reinforce Peter's instructions?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17.

This is the second time Peter talks about suffering for doing good (2:19-21).

Why would you consider yourself blessed for suffering because of righteousness?

In verses 14-15 Peter is alluding to Isaiah 8:12-13.

How do the thoughts from Isaiah fit with Peter's line of thought?

Let's discuss the important points Peter makes to us in verses 15-16.

Peter's statement in verse 17 leads to a tremendous expansion in verses 18-22.

Read 1 Peter 3:18-22.

This section reads almost like the Apostles' Creed (or vice versa!).

Find Christ's:

...suffering and death

...resurrection from the dead

...descent into hell

...ascension into heaven

...being seated at God's right hand

What are the reasons why you think Peter brings up Noah?

What things does this section teach us about baptism?