

To This, You Were Called

1 Peter 3:8-12

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1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1. In the Church, we must fight for _____ and _____.

1 Peter 3:9 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.

2. God has _____ us that we can _____ others.

1 Peter 3:10-12 For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ 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.

3. Jesus offers the _____, despite our _____.

Additional Verses

Philippians 2:3-8, John 13:35, John 17:20-21, Matthew 5:13-16, John 10:10, Matthew 5:3-12

Quotes

“I can never be sympathetic towards somebody else when I am preoccupied with myself. Preoccupation with me, and sympathy for you, cannot coexist.” — Alistair Begg

“Love one another as brothers should love. This is one of the proofs that you and I are saved. (1 John 3:14) How on earth can you love an unbeliever if you can’t love a brother or sister?” — Skip Heitzig

“Jesus is the most understanding Person in the universe. The posture most natural to Him is not a pointed finger, but open arms. No one in human history has been more approachable than Jesus Christ.” — Dane C. Ortlund

“For pride is spiritual cancer; it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.” — C.S. Lewis

Discussion Questions

1. Which of the five character qualities (in verse 8) do you feel the need to grow in the most?
2. How have you seen biblical unity lived out in the Church? What fruit has this resulted in?
3. How can you intentionally grow in sympathy for other Believers?
4. What biblical examples can you think of for “blessing your enemies”?
5. What practical steps can you take to bless others, even your enemy?
6. What is your reaction to Peter telling persecuted Christians how they can “love life and see good days”?