

Week 5, 1 Peter 3:1-12

In this section, Peter picks up right where we left off last week; _____ the _____ regarding their view of authority in their life and willfully submitting to God's will & design.

Remember that we have been saying that one of the main themes of the Bible is;

Mankind must _____ to what God has _____ by having come to faith in what God has said.

God's goal is that mankind would **trust** in His **word** and His **goodness** in order that they might **submit** to His will, desire & design.

We have been saying that one of the main themes in the life of the believer is;

The need to willfully and gladly submit to God's instruction, that is; to God's design and will.

In this life, God has ordained a structure & order. He has ordained certain roles & positions.

God has ordained that when humanity is following his instruction and design for these roles; it will be better for humanity and it will reward in all of eternity.

Our capacity to submit to God _____ on our willingness to believe that His _____ is for our good & in our best interest.

Our capacity to submit to God's design _____ on our willingness to believe that God will _____ those who submit to his design, will & instruction.

Last week we took a brief look at God's order for submitting to governing authority & the mindset of Christ, concerning his willingness to submit to God's design for the cross.

Peter's opening words in this section show us that what he is about to say, has everything to do with what he just said and what we covered last week... IN THE SAME WAY (v1)

1 Peter 3:1a Peter says that no one is **exempt** from the need to _____ to God's will and design for the various _____ of their life.

Slaves have an authority over them in their lives. Husbands, wives & children each have certain authority over their lives. And even Christ was willing to submit to the authority that was over him.

Peter puts the _____ now on those who are wives. He says that wives _____ submit to the authority that God has _____ over them, which happens to be their husbands.

1 Peter 3:1b-2 Peter says that wives who submit to their husbands in this way have a better _____ of actually _____ a poor husband's behavior in their favor.

Peter later says (v9) that even if the husbands behavior doesn't change, the wife will still have done what is **right** and will _____ great _____ from God.

1 Peter 3:9 Essentially Peter says that the wife who obeys God and submits to her husband has **nothing to lose** and **everything to gain**.

She will either (1) turn the _____ of her _____ and get the blessing of a better marriage... or she will (2) _____ an even _____ eternal reward for suffering hardship while willfully obeying God.

Peter then takes a moment to _____ that the men do not think that they are _____.

1 Peter 3:7 Peter says that wives are not the only ones who should submit to God's design for marriage. And the **husband** also has a great burden of responsibility.

(1) Husbands are to honor their wives; this honor is shown primarily by... treating them with **great worth** primarily by (2) **valuing** their opinion & thoughts... and by (3) viewing them as an **equal partner** in the relationship and (4) as the most **important gift** that God could have given in this new life, besides his Spirit.

1 Peter 3:4-5 Peter says that wives should also accept the Lord's authority over them in regards to how they _____ and how they _____ beauty.

Peter says that women should _____ to _____ their beauty through what is truly beautiful; **inner character & godly nature**.

Husbands, men, should also _____ to _____ female beauty accordingly. That is that they should be attracted to what is truly beautiful, inner character not outward beauty etc.

1 Peter 3:8-9 Peter says that husbands and wives are not the only ones who are to submit to this direction. Every believer should be united in this. Every believer should love one another and seek the best interest of another. All of us should be loving, humble and tenderhearted. Every believer should be willing to put up with ill treatment. Every believer should repay evil with good... knowing that God will greatly bless and reward those who do.

This is how Peter closes this section and it is where we want to close:

For the man and woman who follow God's instruction and design for these roles; it will go **better** for their **family** and it will **reward** for all **eternity**.

1 Peter 3:9b-12 God promises to do some very incredible things on behalf of the men and women who are willing to submit to God in these ways.

1st, Peter says that those who submit to God in these ways will be **greatly** _____ in this lifetime (v9).

2nd, Peter says that those who submit to God in these ways will have a longer and more _____ life; _____ more joy (v10).

3rd, Peter says that those who submit to God in these ways will have the security of God's special _____ over the _____ of their life and his attentiveness to their prayers (v12).