

To Follow in Meekness

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I. Submit to one another in the ways of Christ

1Pe 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

A. Be ye all of one mind—Having compassion one of another

Act 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Mat 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

Mat 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them...

B. Love as brethren—Be pitiful (*tender hearted*)—Be courteous (*friendly; kind*)

1Pe 1:22 ...unfeigned love of the brethren...love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Psa 69:20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

Pro 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD...

Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Act 27:3 And the next *day* we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

II. You are called to follow Jesus' example

1Pe 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

A. This call to submission must be important

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

B. You are now called to render a blessing (called to be saints)

Mat 5:44 ...bless them that curse you...

C. Your motivation to render a blessing is that you are called to inherit a blessing

1Pe 5:10 ...the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus...

III. God blesses those who follow Jesus—But His face is against those who do evil

1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

1Pe 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

1Pe 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

Psa 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Psa 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psa 34:15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous...his ears...*open* unto their cry.

Psa 34:16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil...

Psa 34:17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them...

Psa 34:18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

IV. There is good for those who follow good

1Pe 3:13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Deu 8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna...that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Rom 8:31 ...If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

V. There is happiness in suffering for Jesus

1Pe 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word...

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

VI. From the heart—To the head—To the tongue—With meekness

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

A. To sanctify the Lord God in your heart is to truly fear God in your hearts

Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let* him *be* your fear, and *let* him *be* your dread.

B. To sanctify the Lord God in your hearts is to have God's word in your hearts

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Jer 20:9 ...*his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones...

C. To be ready always to give an answer is to have God's word in your head

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me...

2Ti 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost...

D. From what is in the heart and the head comes the answer of the tongue

Luk 6:45 ...of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

E. In times of persecution, the Holy Spirit will help you be ready to answer

Mat 10:18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

Mat 10:19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

Mat 10:20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

F. In time of persecution—The Holy Spirit gave Peter a glorious answer

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them...

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

G. God's promise and Jesus' work are a reason of the hope that is in you

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity...

H. With meekness and fear

1Pe 3:4 ...a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves...

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

VII. When Paul humbled himself—He perceived—Deliverance came—Jesus came

Act 23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

Act 23:2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

Act 23:3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

Act 23:4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

Act 23:5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

Act 23:6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

Act 23:7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

Act 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

Act 23:9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes *that were* of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

Act 23:10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring *him* into the castle.

Act 23:11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.