


Daily Bible Study Guide for January 18–23



Redeemed
People
Live Under
the Lordship
of Christ

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³ Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. ¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, ²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. ²¹ Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

Monday, January 18
Read: 1 Peter 3:13–22

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

2. What is said about believers?

3. What is said about unbelievers?

4. What is said about God?

5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between believers, unbelievers, and God?

Tuesday, January 19
Read: 1 Peter 3:13–16

1. How is it possible for someone who suffers for the sake of righteousness to be blessed?

2. Do you personally know anyone who has ever suffered for having done the right thing?

3. What is the purpose of intimidation?

4. What helps us overcome other people's intimidating actions?

5. Discussion/Application: Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

Wednesday, January 20
Read: 1 Peter 3:13–16

1. What does it mean to “sanctify”?

2. How might a person “sanctify Christ as Lord”? Isn't He already Lord?

3. How does one prepare to make a defense?

4. What kind of defense are we to be ready to make?

5. Discussion/Application: What should our attitude be when giving a spiritual defense?

Thursday, January 21

Read: 1 Peter 3:13–16

1. How does someone keep a good conscience when being slandered?

2. Have you ever been slandered for doing the right thing? If so, how easy was it to keep a good conscience?

3. Why are we told to keep a good conscience while being slandered?

4. What are inappropriate/unbiblical ways to cause those who slander us to be put to shame?

5. Discussion/Application: Why is it so hard for some Christians to do what 1 Peter 3:13–16 says we are to do?

Friday, January 22

Read: 1 Peter 3:17–19

1. The best (only) way to interpret this tough passage is by reading in light of its context (previous verses). What does the death of Christ have to do with verses 13–16?

2. What does it mean to me “made alive in the spirit”?

3. What did Jesus do after He was made alive in the spirit?

4. To what is Peter referring in verses 19–20?

5. Discussion/Application: So far, how would you summarize what Peter is saying in verses 13–20?

Saturday, January 23

Read: 1 Peter 3:21–22

1. What is the “that” to which Peter is referring?

2. Peter also mentioned “a good conscience” in verse 16. What is the connection (by comparison or contrast) between verses 16 and 21?

3. Why do you think Peter felt the need to mention not only Jesus’ death and resurrection, but also His ascension into heaven?

4. What are the “authorities and powers” mentioned in verse 22?

5. Discussion/Application: When were angels, authorities, and powers subjected to Christ, and what difference does it make that they were subjected to Him?
