

Stand Up For Christ: Suffer for Righteousness' Sake

1 Peter 03:13–17

1 *First,*
do what is right and good

- a. Will most likely not be persecuted
- b. Will be blessed
- c. Do not fear the terror of persecution

2 *Second,*
set your heart on Christ
and the great hope He gives

3 *Third,*
readily answer and defend
the hope of salvation

4 *Fourth,*
keep a clear conscience

- a. Will put one's persecutors to shame
- b. Suffer for doing good and not for evil

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.
“Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.”

15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

16 Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

17 It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.