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THE CHRISTIAN'S
SECURITY IN A
HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter 3:13-4:19

1 PETER 3:13-18 (NKJV)

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¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

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► We Live In A Dangerous & Hostile World!

- In jeopardy every hour - 1 Cor 15:30 - (Health; physical harm; accidents; cyber threats; financial loss; natural disasters ...)
- For protection we purchase insurance (Auto; Life; Health; Property; Financial)
- Being a FAITHFUL Christian does NOT protect from MATERIAL LOSS!



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- ▶ Peter is writing to Christians who were suffering persecution – 1:3-9
- ▶ Instruction regarding how to VIEW and RESPOND to this persecution is the main purpose of this epistle.

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- It's no secret that Christians are the target of hostility, from mockery in the media, to the coercive promotion of godless lifestyles and beliefs and a rejection of absolute truth.
- On an individual level, we may face rejection, ridicule and unjust treatment from those around us who live ungodly lives.

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► **We Live In A Dangerous & Hostile World!**

► Hostilities toward Christians in America are becoming

- More VOCAL ...
- More COMMON ...
- More ACCEPTABLE ...
- More OFFICIAL ...



2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)

¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

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'Religious Beliefs ... Have to Be Changed' About Abortion

BY ANUGRAH KUMAR, CHRISTIAN POST CONTRIBUTOR April 25, 2015

“Far too many women are still denied critical access to reproductive health care and safe childbirth. All the laws we’ve passed don’t count for much if they’re not enforced, Rights have to exist in practice — not just on paper. Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will. And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed,”

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- ▶ Christians are God's chosen people - 1:1,2
- ▶ Kept by God through suffering, by faith, to a living hope - 1:3-9
- ▶ To be obedient & holy - 1:13-21
- ▶ The trustworthiness & indestructibility of God's word -& our new life through obeying it - 1:10-2:2

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► Who we are & what we are to be doing ...

We are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" ... – (1 Pe 2:9).

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► **Who we are & what we are to be doing ...**

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” – (1 Pe 2:11,12)

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- ▶ **The Christian's Response To A HOSTILE WORLD!**
 - ▶ Submit to the governments of men – 2:13-17; cf Rom 13:1-7
 - ▶ Submit to those over you - suffering patiently. The example of Jesus – 2:18-25
 - ▶ Wives submit to your own husband, (even if unbelievers), husbands to honor wives - seeking to understand her needs – 3:1-7

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- ▶ **Do Good** - 3:13 / 4:2,8-11, 15-19
- ▶ **Do Not Fear** - 3:14 / 4:12-14

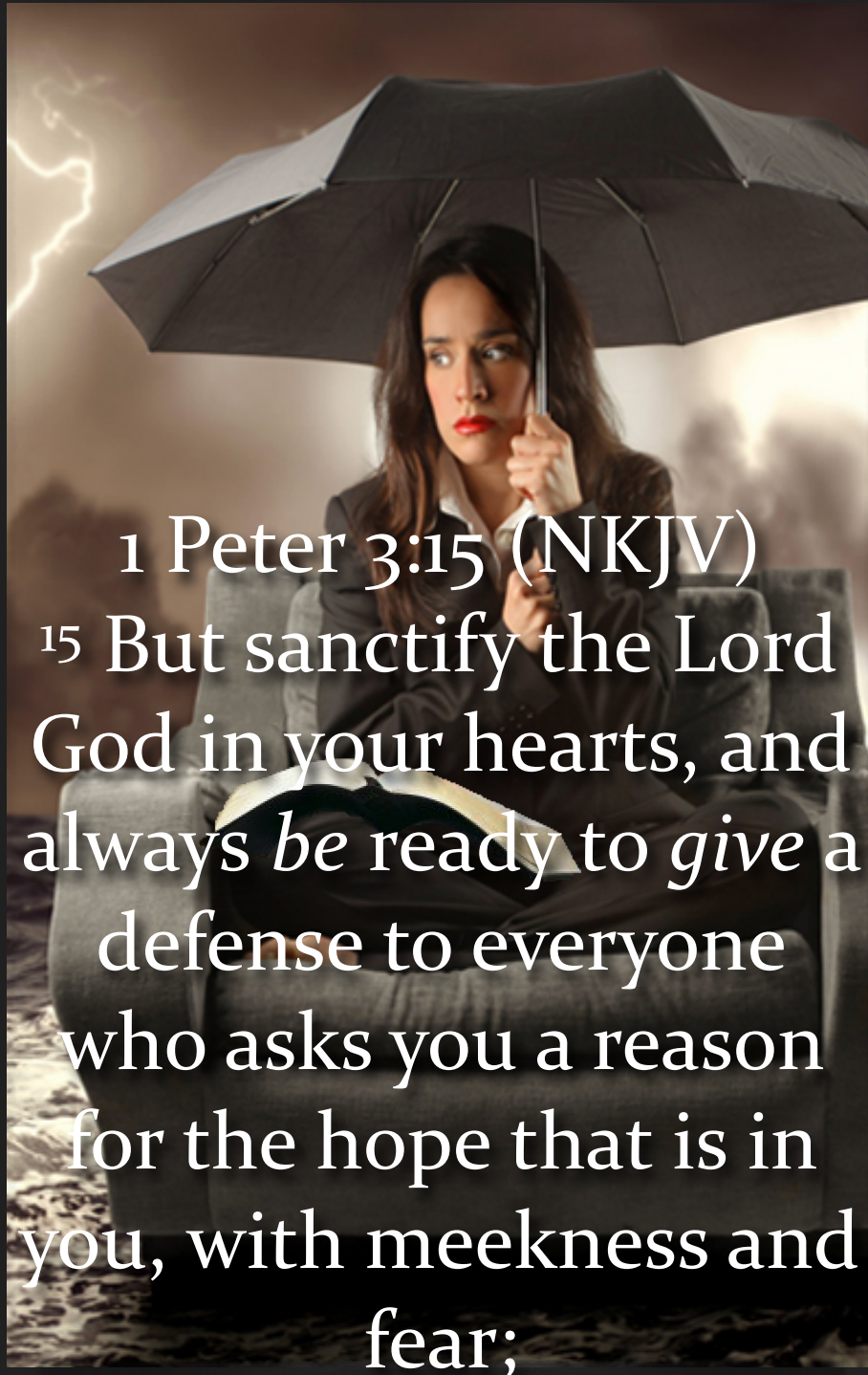


1 Peter 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are blessed.*

"And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."

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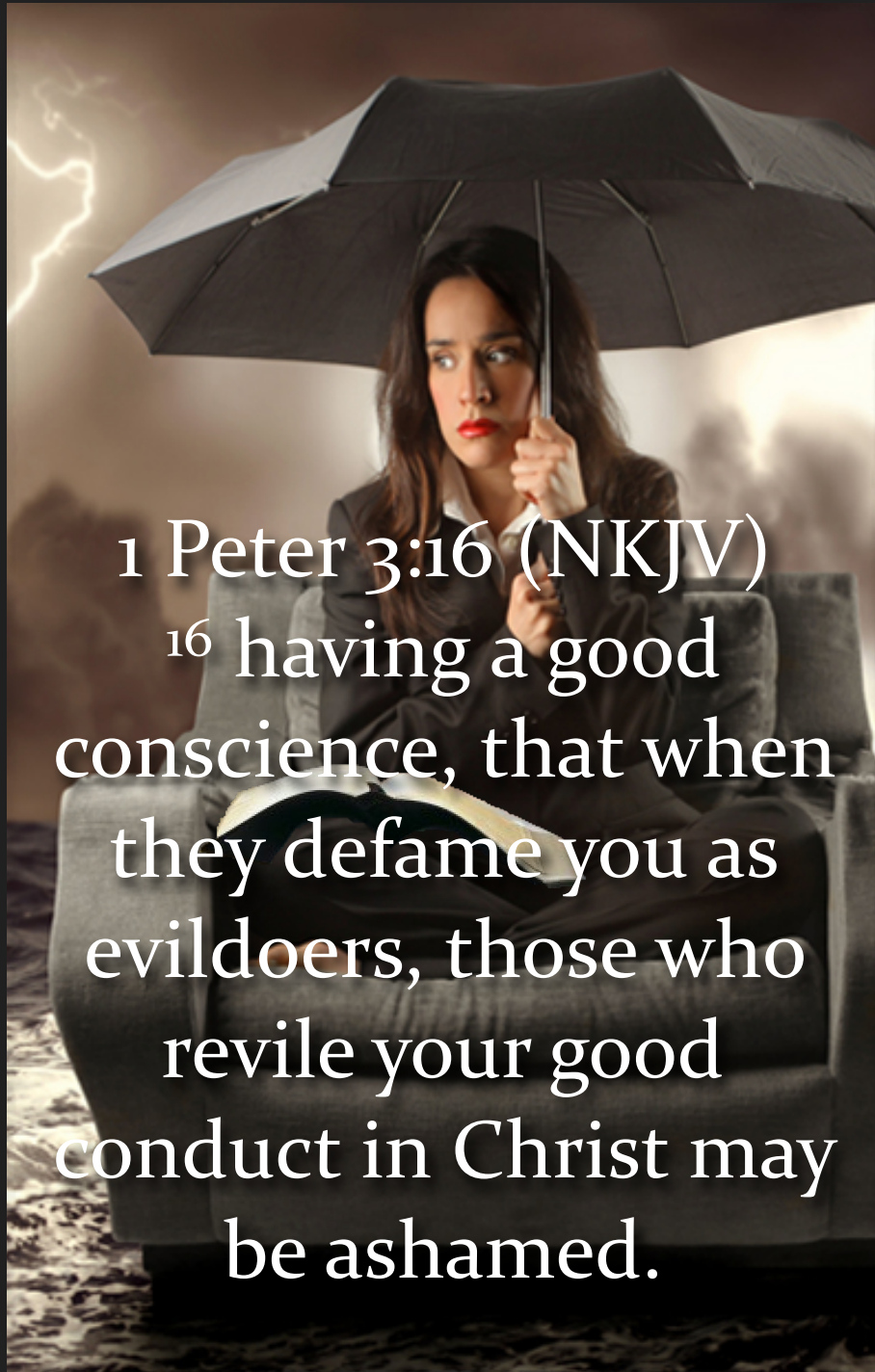


1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

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- ▶ **Do Not Fear** - 3:14 / 4:12-14
- ▶ **Sanctify The Lord In Your Heart** - 3:15a / 4:11b
- ▶ **Ready To Answer** - 3:15b - 4:11a; cf. Ac. 4:8-12; 5:29-31
- ▶ **Be Humble & Respectful** - 3:15c; 4:7-10, 12-14, 16; 5:5-7

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1 Peter 3:16 (NKJV)
¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

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- ▶ **Be Humble & Respectful** - 3:15c; 4:7-10, 12-14, 16; 5:5-7
- ▶ **Keep Conscience Clear** - 3:16; 4:1-7; 5:8-9

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We Are
sojourners &
pilgrims traveling
through a wicked
& hostile world.
(1:1; 2:11,12)

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We HAVE been redeemed through the blood of Christ & sanctified to live faithful, obedient, holy lives for God.

(1:2,13-25; 2:11-3:7; 4:1-6,12-19; 5:10)

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We are experiencing,
or about to
experience,
persecution because
of our faith -

(1:6,7; 2:12,19,20;
3:14,17; 4:12,13; 5:10)

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1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)
19 Therefore let those
who suffer according
to the will of God
commit their souls to
Him in doing good, as
to a faithful Creator.

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1 Peter 5:6–10 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

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1 Peter 5:6–10 (NKJV)
⁸ Be sober, be vigilant;
because your
adversary the devil
walks about like a
roaring lion, seeking
whom he may devour.

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1 Peter 5:6–10 (NKJV)
⁹ Resist him, steadfast
in the faith, knowing
that the same
sufferings are
experienced by your
brotherhood in the
world.

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1 Peter 5:6–10 (NKJV)
¹⁰ But may the God of all
grace, who called us to
His eternal glory by
Christ Jesus, after you
have suffered a while,
perfect, establish,
strengthen, and settle
you.

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Have you purified
your soul by obeying
the truth - (1:22,23)

Are you living an
obedient, holy life?
(1:13-16)

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Suffering will affect
our faith, but it is our
response & attitude
that determines the
result!

(1 Pet 1:7-9;
3:14,15; 5:10)



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2 THESSALONIANS 1:3-10 (NKJV)

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3-10 (NKJV)

⁵ which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3-10 (NKJV)

⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

