

The Lordship of Christ
1 Peter 3:13-15

I. PERSECUTION FOR CHRIST'S SAKE IS UNDER THE SOVEREIGN CONTROL OF GOD (v. 13).

- Is suffering the normal return for doing good works in the name of Christ?

- What is the usual response to Christians who are seeking to love God and their neighbor?

II. PERSECUTION FOR CHRIST'S SAKE IS THE PRIVILEGE OF BELONGING TO CHRIST (v. 14a).

- Should the Christian be surprised by suffering?

- What is the value of suffering for the Christian?

III. PERSECUTION FOR CHRIST'S SAKE MUST BE MET WITH THE FEAR OF GOD, NOT THE FEAR OF MAN (v. 14b).

- What are some fears that come in times of suffering?

IV. PERSECUTION FOR CHRIST'S SAKE IS THE TIME FOR UNCOMPROMISED ALLEGIANCE TO THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST (v. 15).

- How can the Christian be ready to defend his faith?