A Life of Blessing 11th in the "Elect Exiles" Series 1 Peter 3:8-17 p. 1015 February 4, 2018

Introduction

In this passage God explains how his children are invited to share in a life of blessing that blesses others.

The Text: 1 Peter 3:8-17

1) God's design for the world should be reflected in the daily life of Christians (v. 8).

2) The sympathetic, submissive, and serving Christian will experience a life of blessing (vv. 9-12).

3) When Christian behavior is done teaching – use gentle and respectful words (vv. 13-17).

Isaiah 8:11-14: ¹¹ For the Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: ¹² "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. ¹³ But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴ And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling

Response

• A life of blessing ... is living in and through Christ.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 3:8-17 February 4, 2018 Pastor Mickey Klink

- 1) Starter Question: Share an example of someone whose behavior reflected the love of Christ.
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) In light of the word "finally," how do the Christian behaviors listed in v. 8 relate to the submission and relationship roles discussed in the previous passages (2:13-3:7)?
- 4) What is the relationship between blessing others and obtaining a blessing in v. 9, and how do vv. 10-12 help explain it?
- 5) What does it mean to "suffer for righteousness' sake" (v. 14)? What does this kind of suffering look like today?
- 6) Read Isaiah 8:11-15, about God's protection of his people against evil forces. How does God want his people to fear him above all other things?
- 7) Using both Isaiah 8 and 1 Peter 3, what does it mean to "in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy?" Use other translations for help.
- 8) The phrase, "always being prepared to make a defense" (v. 15) is often used as a thematic verse for (evidentialist) apologetics. What is the meaning or use of the phrase in this context?
- 9) What might cause a person to ask us about our hope in Christ (v. 15)?
- 10) How can we share the reason for the hope that is in us with gentleness and respect (v. 15)?

Further study this week: Psalm 34 on the life of blessing in God (Mon); Isaiah 8 on the fear of God (Tues); Deuteronomy 6 on how the fear of the Lord is always good for us (Wed); Proverbs 9 on how the fear of the Lord is wisdom (Thurs); Revelation 11 on how those who fear the Lord will worship in heaven (Fri).