1 Peter 3:13-17 –The Beauty of Christ in the Believer!

Micah 6:8 “ He hath shewed thee, O man, *what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee*, **but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

**The Beauty of Jesus!**

* His Love.
* His Grace.
* His Mercy.
* His Power.
* His Death?
* His Suffering?
* His Humility?

**Jesus found joy in the suffering that will produce fruit now and in the future!**

* Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**God’s People shall see the beauty of God when we suffer with Him!**

* Isa. 33:17 “Thine eyes shall see the king in His beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

**God’s Beauty is to be desired.**

* Psa. 45:11 “So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: H3308 for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

**If you say you don’t want to suffer then you don’t want to be with the Lord Jesus!**

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

1. **What should we do in suffering?**
* Faithfulness and Humility!
* Phil. 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
* Do you think on lies or truth?
* Do you think on

 **Suffering for Right and Wrong**

- 1 Peter 3:13 “And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

**Who can harm you?**

1. **What is harm?**

- We have physical harm.

- We have physical spiritual harm.

**Harm can only happened if the Lord allows it.**

The LORD'S Wonderful Works in Behalf of Israel.

(Exo 7:8—11:10; 1Ch 16:8–22 )

* Psa 105:8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.
* Psa 105:10And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:
* Psa 105:12When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.
* Psa 105:14He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;
* Psa 105:15Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
* Psa 105:16Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.
1. **The eyes of the Lord!**

- 1 Peter 3:12 “For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, **And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is**  against those who do evil.”

**God’s Eyes!**

- The Most Beautiful thing to those that Believe!

- To the faithful!

- To the righteous!

**The Safety of the Believer**

- 1 Peter 3:14 – We are blessed for suffering for righteousness sake!

- In the Will of God.

- In knowing God.

**Can we know God in our suffering?**

- Yes!

- 1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God[fn] 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;

- The place where God resides. Is In our hearts!

- Can we defend God? - Yes. In our hearts!

**What is a good conscience?**

- Overcoming defame by evil doers.

- Maintaining good conduct in Christ!

- God makes us not ashamed!

- How does God make us not ashamed?

- With the conscience.

**The Suffering of Christ 3:18-4:6**

* 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us[fn] to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,
* The Just Savior dying for our sins.

**Conclude:**

1. **Are you a Christian that is trusting in the goodness of God while suffering?**
2. **Giving your life to God is the safeties thing you can do!**
3. **The Lord is watching you all the time! Don’t fear have faith!**