

# **The Letters of Peter: 1 Peter 3**

*Sunday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 19*

## **Verses 1 – 6**

- As Peter begins this passage with the word “likewise” (or the phrase “in the same way”), what previous point is he referencing?
- As referenced in Verse 1, define submission. Why does Peter specifically state that wives are to be submissive to their “own husbands”?  
(*Ephesians 5: 22 – 24*)
- According to Verses 1 – 2, what impact can a believing wife have on an unbelieving husband?
- Describe Peter’s point in Verses 3 – 4 regarding outward and inward beauty.  
(*1 Timothy 2: 9 – 10*)
- Describe the example that Peter provides in Verses 5 – 6 regarding Sarah’s submission to Abraham. What lessons in obedience does Sarah’s example provide? (*Genesis 12: 5; Genesis 18: 12*)

## **Verse 7**

- Describe the relevance of Peter beginning this verse with the word “likewise” (or the phrase “in the same way”).
- What does Peter mean when he tells husbands to show understanding to their wives (or to be considerate to them)?  
(*Ephesians 5: 25 – 27; Genesis 16: 1 – 6*)
- Why does Peter refer to the wife as the weaker partner in the marriage?

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## Verses 8 – 12

- From Verses 8 – 9, review and consider Peter’s instructions regarding attributes that Christians should possess and share with each other. How do these attributes, when applied together, contribute to unity among brethren? (*Romans 12: 10 – 13; Galatians 6: 9 – 10*)
- Describe how Peter’s quotation from Psalm 34 in Verses 10 – 12 reinforces his previous message about kindness and unity among brethren. (*Psalm 34: 12 – 16*)

## Verses 13 – 17

- In Verses 13 – 14, what does it mean to suffer for the sake of righteousness? How could it be that we are blessed when we suffer in this way? (*Isaiah 8: 12; Romans 8: 31 – 39*)
- From Verse 15, how does Peter describe our approach in explaining our faith and hope to people who ask us about it? Why is this approach important, and how can it be a challenge?
- As indicated in Verses 16 – 17, what effect can this approach have on people who challenge our faith?

## Verses 18 – 22

- Describe Peter’s reference to Christ in Verses 18 and 22. What does he teach us about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and the role that He now serves? (*1 John 2: 1 – 2; 1 Timothy 2: 5 – 6*)
- What does Peter mean in Verse 19 when he refers to Christ preaching to “spirits in prison”? (*Philippians 2: 10 – 11*)
- In Verses 10 – 20, Peter uses the account of Noah building the ark as an illustration of God’s patience. What does this example teach us about God’s grace and mercy, and how should we respond? (*2 Peter 3: 9*)
- In Verse 21, how does Peter describe baptism? How can this verse (coupled with other references from scripture) be used to explain the fact that baptism is necessary for salvation? (*Mark 16: 16; Acts 2: 38; Galatians 3: 27*)