

Living With Hope in a Broken World

#4 - The Endurance of Our Hope

1Peter 3:8-17

⁸ Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble,^[b] ⁹ not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For **the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit,**

¹¹ **and let him turn away from evil and do what is good.**

Let him seek peace and pursue it,

¹² **because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer.**

But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.

¹³ Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. **Do not fear them or be intimidated,** ¹⁵ but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

**We can endure _____ because of our
_____ in Christ.**

1. We're called to _____ even those who intend evil toward us.
2. Our hope in Christ _____ through any circumstance.
3. _____ in suffering is an opportunity to point to the hope we have in Christ.

How will you endure suffering because of the hope you have in Christ?