

**OCTOBER 30, 2016 SERMON NOTES**  
**GRACE IN ACTION: I PETER**  
**The Vindication of Christ**  
*I Peter 3:13-22*

I. The responsibility of believers.

A. We may suffer for doing \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>13</sup>Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; <sup>16</sup>and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.*

1. Instead of being afraid I will make Christ the \_\_\_\_\_ (13-15).
2. I must keep a clear \_\_\_\_\_ before God (16-17).

B. The vindication of \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>18</sup>For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; <sup>19</sup>in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, <sup>20</sup>who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. <sup>21</sup>Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.*

1. Christ died so I could have a \_\_\_\_\_ (18).
2. Baptism is not optional: a commandment of \_\_\_\_\_ (19-22).