

Proclaiming In A Hostile World

- I. Defining Christians and their activity (1 Pet. 2:9)
 - A. Who we are - chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, special people
 - B. What we are able to do – proclaim the excellencies of Him [God]
 - 1. Proclaim (Psa. 9:14; 79:13; 71:15; 73:28; 107:22; 119:13)
 - 2. Excellencies
- II. Where Christians Are Meant to Proclaim God (1 Pet. 2:12-20)
 - A. In church gatherings large & small (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - B. In Hostile Society (1 Pet. 2:12-17)
 - 1. Live honourably in a hostile world (v. 12)
 - 2. Be subject to *every human institution* for the Lord's sake (vv. 13-14; Rom. 13:1-5; Tit. 3:1-2)
 - 3. By doing good, Christians silence *foolish people* (v. 15)
 - 4. Live as people who are free & are servants of God (v. 16)
 - 5. Honour everyone & love the brotherhood (v. 17a)
 - 6. Fear God & honour the emperor (v. 17b; Ac. 5:29; Dan. 3:16-18; 6:7, 10, 21)
 - C. In Work Situations (1 Pet. 2:18-20)
 - 1. Be subject to your good or bad masters (v. 18)
 - 2. Be mindful of God & endure sorrows while suffering unjustly (v. 19)
 - a. No credit when you sin and bear the results, & endure (v. 20a)
 - b. Credit when you do good, suffer for it & endure (v. 20b)
- III. Christians are Called To Suffer – Christ's Story is Our Example (1 Pet. 2:21-25)
 - A. Christ's unjust suffering (vv. 21b-23)
 - B. Christians are called to suffer by following in Christ's steps (vv. 24-25)
 - 1. We can die to sin & live to righteousness because He bore our sin (v. 24a)
 - 2. The wounds and damage of sin have been healed by His death (v. 24b)
 - 3. We should rely on the Shepherd & Overseer of our souls (v. 25)