

# Sermon Guide

1 Peter 3:13-22



► For many Christians, one of the most difficult aspects of being a Christian is evangelism. One recent study stated that about 2% of professing Christians have shared their faith in the last 6 months. What has been your experience in this area? Why do you think it is such a hurdle for us?

► When was the last time you had an opportunity to witness about your faith to a nonbeliever? How did you feel about it?

Read [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

1. What is the model for evangelism Peter gives in verses 15-16? How closely do you follow this?
2. Does God will Christians to suffer? (v. 17)
3. While scholars disagree on the interpretation of v. 19-21, what can we be sure of according to v. 22? How does this verse encourage you and/or alleviate any fears about suffering or sharing your faith?

GROW



► Are you prepared to “make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (v. 15)? What is your defense?

► In the face of opposition, it is easy to lash out with hateful or retaliatory speech due to fear. How can you better respond with “gentleness and respect” (v 15) in the face of opposition?

GLORIFY

- Scot McKnight states, “Just as Jesus suffered as a righteous man and was vindicated, so too if the churches live righteously (as he has exhorted them to do), they will be vindicated and sit with Jesus in the presence of God.” Despite any current sufferings or persecutions we may face, we have confidence in knowing that the battle has already been won for us. Christ is victorious and one day, we too will be vindicated, regardless of what happens in this life. Listen, sing along, and/or read the lyrics of “[See a Victory](#)” by Elevation Worship.