

1 Peter 3:8-12
Peter Calls all Christians to Bless Rather than Insult

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Flow of 1 Peter 3:8-12

Verse	Key Point	In relation to:
8	Love as brothers	Believers
9	Do not repay evil	All people
10-12	God favors the righteous	Believers

Peter Spells Out How To Love Believers

1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

- Harmony
- Sympathetic
- Brotherly love
- Kindhearted
- Humble

“Bless Those Who Curse You”
1 Peter 3:9 ...not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

True Believers Practice Righteousness
1 Peter 3:10-11 For, “THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.”

The Lord Hears Only His Own
1 Peter 3:12 FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.”

Application

1. We as believers must realize that pride is the biggest obstacle to Christian unity.

2. We must remember that if we really “desire life” we must keep our tongues from deceit and slander.

1. Pride: An Obstacle To Unity

1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another, do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly.

Philippians 2:2-3...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.

~~1. Pride Results In Dividing Over Non-Essentials~~

Romans 15:5-7a Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another **according to Christ Jesus**, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore accept one another...

Essentials - Unity (5 Solas of Reformation)
 Non-Essentials - Liberty
 All Things - Charity

2. Our Tongues: Indicators Of Who We Are
1 Peter 3:10-11 For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT."
James 3:8-11 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

2. Our Tongues: Indicators Of Who We Are
Col 3:6-8 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.
