

**THE STUDY OF 1 PETER & 2 PETER**  
**LESSON 12**  
**1 PETER 3:13-22 QUESTIONS**

1. "The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous" 1 Peter 3:12. The eyes of the Lord is a common old testament phrase that relates to God's special, caring, watchfulness over His people. Does this mean He will spare us from suffering (1 Peter 2:9; 2:20; 3:9; 4:12)

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2. How does God's sovereignty over Christian suffering (Psalm 90:2; Job 28:24; Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2) confirm His gracious care for His people?

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3. How does it change the way you live, knowing that the Lord is always watching and waiting, ready to hear and answer our prayers. (Psalm 50:15; 138:3; Hebrews 4:16)

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4. When we are under God's sovereign watch, those who cause us suffering do not bring us harm but blessing. How could this possibly be true? (1 Peter 3:9-10; 3:13; 3:14; 3:17; 4:14; 4:19; 5:9)

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5. Isaiah 8:13-14 and 1 Peter 3:14-15 reminds us of the truth that our only hope of safety is in making Christ our sanctuary. How does He become your sanctuary during times of unjust, Christian suffering (4:16; 4:19)

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6. When the Lord is our sanctuary, we have reason for hope (3:15; Ephesians 1:18-23; 4:4) Our hope in His promises is the ground for our fearlessness. How does that work? How do we share that with others (3:15)?

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7. Why is sanctifying Christ as Lord in our hearts (giving the primary place of adoration, exaltation, and worship to Christ) the foundation of sharing our hope in Christ with gentleness and reverence?

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8. Spend some time examining your motives concerning your responses to unjust suffering. Is He the object of your love, reverence, loyalty, and obedience? (Hebrews 7:26; Acts 7:55-56; Revelation 1:12-18; Colossians 1:18; 1 John 2:17)? Write down your thoughts.

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9. What responses to suffering would indicate that He is not (regarding #8) concerning your thought life and actions? Explain.

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10. Peter encourages us to maintain a good conscience when we suffer (3:16). We will not reflect Christ during times of suffering without it (1 Timothy 1:5). In specific ways, how do you do your best to maintain a blameless conscience both before God and before men (Acts 24:6; 2 Corinthians 1:12; 1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 10:19-23)

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11. Baptism is a symbolic expression of the heart's appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How do repentance and faith work with obtaining a clear conscience? (Hebrews 10:19-23)?

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12. How does knowing you have been baptized into His death help you to triumph in your own suffering (Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:17; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 4:5-6)?

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13. Christ is now seated at the right hand of God, clothed in honor and authority. The triumph of Christ's suffering brings us eternal hope in our suffering. Let us read Hebrews 1:3-6 and rejoice!!

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