

The Christian's Radical Response to Unjust Suffering 1 Peter 3:8-17

Peter now gives a summation of all he has been writing about. He has been addressing the conduct and behavior of the Christian in response to the affliction and persecution that was a part of their present experience. He opens verse eight with, "To sum up, all of you..."

In 2010, David Platt shook up the landscape of the American evangelical church with the publishing of a book entitled, "Radical." Platt's book along with Francis Chan's book, "Crazy Love," and John Piper's book, "Don't Waste Your Life," served as a catalyst for a new generation of missionaries, church planters, and young people desiring to serve God with a reckless abandon.

However, David Platt did not invent the notion of "radical living or radical Christianity," the Scriptures call us to a conduct and behavior that is indeed radically different from the world. Peter is now addressing this radical response!

- **All of us are called to be a _____.** (8-9a) Peter outlines for us several attractive traits and qualities that should be evident in "all of us." Peter is including husbands and wives, slaves and masters, citizens and rulers, and everyone else in all of life's demands.
 - **Be _____.**
 - **Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult!**
 - **Be a _____.**

Unlike the fruit of the Spirit produced in the life of the believer, the flesh does not, indeed cannot, produce such traits or characteristics!

- **All of us are called to _____ a blessing.** (9b-12) The Christian is called to the "good life:" a life filled with peace and love; a life that is good and pleasant now, but grand and glorious in the future!

Peter dips his pen into the ancient hymnal and refreshes his readers with thoughts of the "good life." (Psalm 34:12-17)

If Peter had continued quoting, here is what he would have found. Psalm 34:18-19, "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

- **Be careful what you _____.** (10)
 - **Be careful what you _____.** (11)
 - **Be careful what you _____.** (11b)
 - **For the Lord is watching and listening!** (12)
- **Each of us should be an _____.** (13-15) The general principle is do what is right and good, and there will be no harm. However, there may be occasion where you suffer for the sake of righteousness. When this happens, do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled.

Christians were to be ready with a defense, a vindication, an apologia, for their faith and hope. And this answer was to be given not in a tone of threatening defiance, but in meekness.

Questions to consider:

Is the Spirit producing characteristics and qualities that are attractive and pleasant?

How goes your sanctification?

How do you respond to insults and threats?

Are you becoming more Christlike in your response?

How do you give a defense or witness to those desiring to know about your hope in Christ?

Choir Testimonial

August 19-20 will be the BBC Worship Choir's annual Christmas Kickoff Rehearsal! This is a great opportunity for new choir members to come fellowship and worship. Every other Sunday leading up to that weekend, we will hear testimonials from choir members about how they have used their talents and gifts to worship the Lord. Today we will hear from Ruth Cole. Please see Grant if you are interested in singing or playing your instrument.



Adults

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Services | 8:00am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Wednesday:
Men's Study at Southern Grace | 6:30am
Morning Bible Study | 10:30am
Missions Celebration | 6pm

Thursday:
Men's Study at Shoney's | 7am
Young Adult Small Group | 6pm

Students

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am

Monday:
College | 6pm

Wednesday:
Youth | 6pm

Children

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Children's Church | 10:30am
Joe and Alison Gallagher

Wednesday:
Meal | 5:30pm
Summer Bible Club | 6pm

Nursery

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Morning Service | 10:30am
Kendall Haggerty, Jacqueline Davis, Angela Whitehead, Rebekah and Julia Eldridge, Alli Gallagher
Evening Service | Kayla Whitehead

Weekly Reports

Tithes/Offerings: \$29,725.53
Sunday School: 262

Today's Services

AM

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Welcome and Prayer

Choir Special – *Mercy Tree*
His Mercy is More
Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Sermon – Pastor Tony Collins

How Deep the Father's Love

Missions Moment and Benediction

PM

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Welcome and Prayer

O Worship the King
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sermon – Ron Stewart

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Benediction



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Announcements

Committee on Committee's meeting today at 5:00 pm.

Blessing Table for garden produce only is in the hallway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Bring extra fruit and vegetables from your garden, or take some home.

Parents' Night Out – Awake 21 Children's Choir is hosting a "Worship Adventure" at Camp Tipton on Friday, July 22, from 6 to 9 pm. There will be food, fun, and fellowship, including singing and inflatables for the kids. Parents get to have a date night.

On July 24 in the evening service, we will put together **gift bags for the teachers** at Eagleton Elementary and Middle Schools. Please donate individually wrapped mints, chocolate candy, and granola bars/breakfast bars before July 24 so we can have an accurate count ahead of time. The church will order the school supplies. If you would like to **donate** money to assist with this, please mark your donation "Teacher gift bags." Please plan to attend and assemble gift bags and write a personal note to the teachers.

Notice: The senior adult trip, previously scheduled for July 21st, has been rescheduled for **July 28**. We will leave BBC at 9:00 am for the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge, followed by historic downtown Clinton for lunch. Cost is \$5.00 for ticket, \$5.00 for transportation, and money for lunch on your own. Sign up by July 24 to attend.

Church business meeting July 31 at 5:30 pm. Send reports to jhayes@bbcmaryville.org by **July 18**.

MISSION

To bring glory to God by exalting Christ in worship, equipping Christians for ministry, and evangelizing our neighborhood & the nations.

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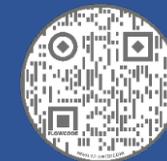
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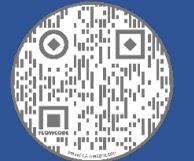
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