

STANDING STRONG IN OUR LIVING HOPE | 1 PETER

1 PETER 3:8-17

Let's revisit why Peter wrote this letter. He wrote to Christians spread out in first century regions which are in what we know today as modern-day Turkey. These followers of Jesus are in a battle. They have trusted Jesus Christ and went from being part of the culture to being persecuted outcasts. He wrote to them about being respectful to civic authority, authority on the worksite, and within the home. Now he advises these believers how to live victorious lives amid opposition. We are now part of the kingdom of the beloved Son instead of the dominion of darkness. Therefore, until Christ returns, we will face opposition as believers. How should we live while facing opposition?

1. We must be actively _____ to the church. We practice five key qualities: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ (3:8).
2. We must be _____ and show _____ to our enemies. We _____ and _____ peace as _____ is unacceptable. (3:9-14a)
3. We must be _____ to provide answers for the _____. We are to be _____ and _____ when attacked, _____ to _____ to those who wonder why you act like you do. (3:14b-17)