

# 6—Reason for Hope

Aliens & Strangers (1 Peter)

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1 Peter 3:8-22

8 Finally, all of you,  
be like-minded,  
be sympathetic,  
love one another,  
be compassionate  
and humble.

*homóphron*  
*sumpathés*  
*philádelphos*  
*eúsplagchnos*  
*tapeinóphron*

9 Do not repay  
evil with evil  
or insult with insult.

*kakós*  
*loidoría*

On the contrary,  
repay evil with blessing,  
because to this you were called  
so that you may inherit a blessing.

*eulogéo*

10 For, **Psalm 34:12-16 (Hebrew Acrostic)**  
*miy-haiysh (mem)*  
“**Whoever** would love life  
and see good days  
must **keep** their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful speech.  
11 They must **turn** from evil and do good;  
*suwr (samech)*  
they must seek peace and pursue it.  
12 For the **eyes** of the Lord are on the righteous  
*eyney (ayin)*  
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,  
but the **face** of the Lord is against those who do evil.”  
*paney (pe)*  
*[to blot out their name from the earth.]*

13 Who is going to **harm** you  
if you are **eager** to do good?  
14 But even if you should **suffer**  
for what is **right**,  
you are **blessed**.

*kakóo*  
*zelotés*  
*páscho*  
*dikaiousúne*  
*makários*

“Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”  
15 But in your hearts **revere** Christ as Lord.

*Isaiah 8:2*  
*hagiázo*

Always be **prepared**

to give an **answer** to everyone who asks you  
to give the **reason** for the hope that you have.

But do this with

**gentleness**

and **respect**,

16 keeping a clear **conscience**,  
so that those **who speak maliciously**  
against your good behavior in Christ  
may be ashamed  
of their slander.

*hétoimos*

*apología*

*lógos*

*praútes*

*phóbos*

*suneídesis*

*katalaléo*

*anastrophé*

17 For it is better, if it is God's will,

to suffer for **doing good**  
than for **doing evil**.

*agathopoiéo*

*kakopoiéo*

18 For Christ also **suffered**

once for **sins**,  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
to bring you to God.

*páscho*

*hamartía*

*díkaios*

He was **put to death** in the body  
but **made alive in** the Spirit.

*thanatóo*

*zoopoiéo*

19 After being made alive,

he went and made proclamation  
to the imprisoned spirits—

*kerússo*

20 to those who were **disobedient** long ago *See 1 Enoch 12:5-6; Jude 6-7*  
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah  
while the ark was being built.

In it only a few people, eight in all,

were **saved** through water,

*diasózo*

21 and this water **symbolizes** baptism

*antítupon*

that now **saves** you also—

*sózo*

not the removal of dirt from the body

but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

It **saves** you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven

and is at God's right hand—

with angels, authorities and powers

in submission to him.