

First Peter 3:8-17

3:8 – **Finally**, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	5056 [e]	3956 [e]	3675 [e]	4835 [e]	5361 [e]
To	de	telos	pantes	homophrones	sympatheis	philadelphoi
8 Τὸ	δὲ	τέλος	πάντες	ὁμόφρονες	, συμπαθεῖς	, φιλάδελφοι
-	Now	the end	All [be]	single-minded	sympathetic	loving as brothers
Art-ANS	Conj	N-ANS	Adj-VMP	Adj-NMP	Adj-NMP	Adj-NMP

2155 [e]	5012 [e]
eusplanchnoi	tapeinophrones
εὐσπλαγχνοὶ	, ταπεινόφρονες
tender-hearted	humble
Adj-NMP	Adj-NMP

1. **All of One Mind** – means likeminded, inward **unity**. Speaks of the goal and purpose of the body of Christ.
 - a. If all believers are focused on becoming like Christ then all believers will be unified or “of one mind”.
 - b. When spiritual goals are unified it makes division difficult.
 - c. There is one body but many spiritual gifts or many parts.
 - d. The church’s goal is to:
 - i. Mature the saints
 - ii. Evangelize the world
 - iii. Read Romans 12:14-16 and Philippians 1:27; 2:2
2. **Sympathetic** – means full of sympathy and sharing feelings.
 - a. The Greek word is made up of two words that mean:
 - i. “to be affected” or “to feel”
 - ii. “with”.
 - b. This word “sympathetic” means to have feelings stirred up by circumstances and to have a readiness to enter into the feelings of others either joy or sorrow.
 - c. If we can have sincere feelings then our actions towards them will always be appropriate.
 - d. Read Hebrews 4:15 where Jesus was and is a high priest who acted because he had this experience of “sympathy” for us.

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
3. **Love as brothers**
4. **Compassionate** – tenderness, tender hearted.
 - a. In first-century society it was a cold society.
 - b. Mt. 24:12 “the love of most will grow cold”.

c. 1 Timothy 3:1,2 “lovers of themselves and lovers of pleasure.”

d. Christianity is charitable and this is seen during the Christian holiday of Christmas.

5. **Humble Minded** – modest opinion of oneself. Willing to use all your talent and ability to achieve the group goal and not be the body part going a different way.

3:9 – **Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.**

3361 [e]	591 [e]	2556 [e]	473 [e]	2556 [e]	2228 [e]	3059 [e]	473 [e]	3059 [e]	5121 [e]
mē	apodidontes	kakon	anti	kakou	ē	loidorian	anti	loidorias	tounantion
9 μὴ	ἀποδιδόντες	κακὸν	ἀντὶ	κακοῦ	ἢ	λοιδορίαν	ἀντὶ	λοιδορίας	; τούναντίον
not	repaying	evil	for	evil	or	insult	for	insult	on the contrary
Adv	V-PPA-NMP	Adj-ANS	Prep	Adj-GNS	Conj	N-AFS	Prep	N-GFS	Adv-C

1161 [e]	2127 [e]	3754 [e]	1519 [e]	3778 [e]	2564 [e]	2443 [e]	2129 [e]	2816 [e]
de	eulogountes	hoti	eis	touto	eklēthēte	hina	eulogian	klēronomēsēte
δέ ,	εὐλογοῦντες ,	ὅτι	εἰς	τοῦτο	ἐκλήθητε ,	ἵνα	εὐλογίαν	κληρονομήσητε .
however	blessing	because	to	this	you were called	so that	blessing	you should inherit
Conj	V-PPA-NMP	Conj	Prep	DPro-ANS	V-AIP-2P	Conj	N-AFS	V-ASA-2P

1. The “Finally” in 3:8 introduces the conclusion of the group exhortations.
2. This is the transition into the summary as we move from ethical duties to Christian Character.
3. “Blessing” means to speak well of someone. It has the idea of having a friendly disposition that results in actions such as prayer and good deeds.
4. Jesus said this in Luke 6:28-29 -
“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.”
 - a. Peter is still following the model of Jesus as in 1 Peter 2:23
 - b. As doing wrong hindered prayers, here blessing instead of evil brings a blessing.

3:10-12 – **For:**

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

(GOOD DAYS)

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

(PRAYER)

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (BLESSING)

1. Unhindered prayers – 3:7 – Husband living in understanding as co-heirs of life with wife
2. Obtain a blessing – 3:9 – Blessing instead of evil and reviling
3. See Good days – 3:10-12 – No evil, no deceit; seek peace

3:10 –

3588 [e]	1063 [e]	2309 [e]	2222 [e]	25 [e]	2532 [e]	3708 [e]	2250 [e]	18 [e]	3973 [e]	3588 [e]
Ho	gar	thelōn	zōēn	agapan	kai	idein	hēmeras	agathas	pausatō	tēn
10 Ὁ	γὰρ	θέλω	ζωῆν	ἀγαπᾶν	, και	ἰδεῖν	ἡμέρας	ἀγαθὰς	, παυσάτω	τὴν
The [one]	for	desiring	life	to love	and	to see	days	good	let him keep	the
Art-NMS	Conj	V-PPA-NMS	N-AFS	V-PNA	Conj	V-ANA	N-AFP	Adj-AFP	V-AMA-3S	Art-AFS

1100 [e]	575 [e]	2556 [e]	2532 [e]	5491 [e]	3588 [e]	3361 [e]	2980 [e]	1388 [e]
glōssan	apo	kakou	kai	cheilē	tou	mē	lalēsai	dolon
γλῶσσαν	ἀπὸ	κακοῦ	, και	χείλη	τοῦ	μὴ	λαλήσαι	δόλον
tongue	from	evil	and	lips	-	not	to speak	deceit
N-AFS	Prep	Adj-GNS	Conj	N-ANP	Art-GNS	Adv	V-ANA	N-AMS

3:11 –

1578 [e]	1161 [e]	575 [e]	2556 [e]	2532 [e]	4160 [e]	18 [e]	2212 [e]	1515 [e]	2532 [e]
ekklinatō	de	apo	kakou	kai	poiēsato	agathon	zētēsato	eirēnēn	kai
11 ἐκκλινάτω	δὲ	ἀπὸ	κακοῦ	, και	ποιησάτω	ἀγαθόν	. ζητησάτω	εἰρήνην	και
Let him turn away	also	from	evil	and	let him do	good	Let him seek	peace	and
V-AMA-3S	Conj	Prep	Adj-GNS	Conj	V-AMA-3S	Adj-ANS	V-AMA-3S	N-AFS	Conj

1377 [e]	846 [e]
diōxatō	autēn
διωξάτω	αὐτήν
let him pursue	it
V-AMA-3S	PPro-AF3S

3:12 –

3754 [e]	3788 [e]	2962 [e]	1909 [e]	1342 [e]	2532 [e]	3775 [e]	846 [e]	1519 [e]	1162 [e]
hoti	ophthalmoi	Kyriou	epi	dikaious	kai	ōta	autou	eis	deēsin
12 ὅτι	ὀφθαλμοὶ	Κυρίου	ἐπὶ	δικαίους	, και	ὠτὰ	αὐτοῦ	εἰς	δέησιν
Because	[the] eyes	of [the] Lord	[are] on	[the] righteous	and	[the] ears	of Him	toward	prayer
Conj	N-NMP	N-GMS	Prep	Adj-AMP	Conj	N-NNP	PPro-GM3S	Prep	N-AFS

846 [e]	4383 [e]	1161 [e]	2962 [e]	1909 [e]	4160 [e]	2556 [e]
autōn	prosōpon	de	Kyriou	epi	poiountas	kaka
αὐτῶν	. πρόσωπον	δὲ	Κυρίου	ἐπὶ	ποιούντας	κακά
of them	[The] face	however	of [the] Lord	[is] against	those doing	evil
PPro-GM3P	N-NNS	Conj	N-GMS	Prep	V-PPA-AMP	Adj-ANP

- God is attentive to us who do right
 - BLESSING: “eyes are upon” (here 3:12)
 - PRAYERS: “ears are open to our prayers” (here 3:12)
 - GOOD DAYS: “avoid evil, do good” (here 3:10)
- This is a statement of victory in situations.
- If we will continue to do right God will always be with us.

3:13 – Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

2532 [e]	5101 [e]	3588 [e]	2559 [e]	4771 [e]	1437 [e]	3588 [e]	18 [e]	2207 [e]	1096 [e]	
Kai	tis	ho	kakōsōn	hymas	ean	tou	agathou	zēlōtai	genēsthe	
13	Καὶ	τίς	ὁ	κακώσων	ὑμᾶς	, ἔὰν	τοῦ	ἀγαθοῦ	, ζηλωταὶ	γένησθε ?
	And	who [is]	he who	will harm	you	if	for that which [is]	good	zealous	you should be
	Conj	IPro-NMS	Art-NMS	V-FPA-NMS	PPro-A2P	Conj	Art-GNS	Adj-GNS	N-NMP	V-ASM-2P

1. If verse 12 is correct then who will harm you?
2. There are two reasons why you have nothing to fear when you do what is right:
 - a. People will not come against you if you do what is right
 - b. God will always be with you if you do what is right
3. “eager” is the word for “zealot” and means in the Greek “to burn with zeal, desire earnestly
4. These verses have a prophetic sound to them: If you will pursue what is right things will be good!
5. Since the world is fallen, people live in darkness and leaders become evil, THERE WILL BE opposing good by evil, resisting light by darkness, and harm done to those who do good.

3:14 – But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

235 [e]	1487 [e]	2532 [e]	3958 [e]	1223 [e]	1343 [e]	3107 [e]	3588 [e]	1161 [e]	5401 [e]	
All'	ei	kai	paschoite	dia	dikaioсынēn	makarioi	Ton	de	phobon	
14	Ἄλλ'	εἰ	καὶ	πάσχοιτε	διὰ	δικαιοσύνην	, μακάριοι .	Τὸν	δὲ	φόβον
	But	if	even	you should suffer	because of	righteousness	[you are] blessed	-	And	the threats
	Conj	Conj	Conj	V-POA-2P	Prep	N-AFS	Adj-NMP	Art-AMS	Conj	N-AMS

846 [e]	3361 [e]	5399 [e]	3366 [e]	5015 [e]
autōn	mē	phobēthēte	mēde	tarachthēte
αὐτῶν	μὴ	φοβηθῆτε	, μηδὲ	ταραχθῆτε .
of them	not	you should be afraid of	neither	should you be troubled
PPro-GM3P	Adv	V-ASP-2P	Conj	V-ASP-2P

1. “even if you should” indicates a rare thing
2. εἰ καὶ is “if” in the fourth-class condition in the Greek

Condition	Meaning	Example Verse
1 st Class	“if and it is true”	1 Co. 15:2 – I know you are”
2 nd Class	“if and it is not true”	1 Co. 2:8 Luke 7:39
3 rd Class	“if and I don’t know”	Matt. 4:9
4 th Class	“if and I wish but it is not true” ”if but it is not probable”	Luke 22:67 1 Peter 3:14

3. “Be not affected with fear by the fear which they strive to inspire in your hearts”
4. From Isaiah 8:12-13 -
“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.”

- a. Isaiah 8:12 – written to the believers in the nation which was coming under judgment
- b. Isaiah 8:13 – “*YHWH of armies*”

3:15 – but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

	2962 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	37 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	2588 [e]	4771 [e]	2092 [e]	104 [e]
	Kyrion	de	ton	Christon	hagiasate	en	tais	kardiais	hymōn	hetoimoi	aei
15	Κύριον	δὲ ,	τὸν	Χριστὸν	ἀγιάσατε	ἐν	ταῖς	καρδίαις	ὑμῶν ,	ἑτοιμοὶ	ἀεὶ
	[As] Lord	however	-	Christ	sanctify	in	the	hearts	of you	ready	always
	N-AMS	Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-AMA-2P	Prep	Art-DFP	N-DFP	PPro-G2P	Adj-NMP	Adv

4314 [e]	627 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	154 [e]	4771 [e]	3056 [e]	4012 [e]	3588 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]
pros	apologian	panti	tō	aitounti	hymas	logon	peri	tēs	en	hymīn
πρὸς	ἀπολογία	παντὶ	τῷ	αἰτοῦντι	ὑμᾶς	λόγον	περὶ	τῆς	ἐν	ὑμῖν
for	a defense	to everyone	-	asking	you	an account	concerning	the	in	you
Prep	N-AFS	Adj-DMS	Art-DMS	V-PPA-DMS	PPro-A2P	N-AMS	Prep	Art-GFS	Prep	PPro-D2P

1680 [e]	235 [e]	3326 [e]	4240 [e]	2532 [e]	5401 [e]
elpidos	alla	meta	prautētos	kai	phobou
ἐλπίδος ;	ἀλλὰ	μετὰ	πραΰτητος	καὶ	φόβου ,
hope	yet	with	gentleness	and	fear
N-GFS	Conj	Prep	N-GFS	Conj	N-GMS

1. 'αγιαζω or *hagiazō* /hag-ee-ad-zo/ is “set apart” or “honor”.
 - a. It means “to sanctify”, “to make holy”, “to consecrate”, “to set apart”
 - b. *Hagizao* is a pagan term for setting a building aside for religious purposes
2. “Christ” is *χριστος* or *Christos* /chris-tos/ means “Anointed One”, “Messiah”, “Christ”
3. “Lord” is *κυριος* or *kurios* /koo-ree-os/ means “master”, “owner”, “lord”
 - a. This is the Greek word used to translate the Hebrew name of God *YHWH* from the OT along with the Hebrew name for *YHWH* which is *Adonai*, the Hebrew word for “master”, “Lord”, “owner”
4. *απολογία* /apologian/ is the accusative form of the Greek noun *απολογία* or *apologia* /ap-ol-oog-ee-ah/ which means “defense”, “answer”, or “apology”
 - a. This word *apologia* refers to “a verbal defense in a law court”. Which means to present your defense of your position, your actions, your worldview.
 - b. It means to defend what you think is True and why you think it is True.
 - c. It is literally “to talk off from” refers to an attorney who talked his client “off from” the charges
 - d. We get our English word “apology” from this Greek word.
 - e. We get this title of our area of Christian study that is called: *Apologetics of the Christian Faith*

5. Today we need to be able to talk charges off from the accusations of modernism, humanism atheism or doubt.
6. First Peter 3:15 is a verbal defense.
7. First Peter 3:12-13 began with defense by good deeds

3:12-13	3:15	3:16-17
Do Good	Verbally Explain Your "Good"	Do Good

8. First Peter 3:16 will again return to good deeds
9. But, here in First Peter 3:15 we see these steps:
 - a. Do Good! (be righteous, live in Truth and Reality)
 - i. People will like you for your good deeds and are ready to give you a positive response
 - ii. Or, people oppose you in spite of your good deeds
 - b. You continue to good and trust (fear) YHWH of Armies or Lord Christ in situations.
 - c. People will ask you why you act different or why you have hope.
 - d. You verbally explain your worldview and defend the Lord and His Word
 - e. You continue to do good to show your defense to be True and defendable!

3:16 – having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

4893 [e]	2192 [e]	18 [e]	2443 [e]	1722 [e]	3739 [e]	2635 [e]
syneidēsin	echontes	agathēn	hina	en	hō	katalaleisthe
16 συνείδησιν ἔχοντες ἀγαθὴν , ἵνα ἐν ᾧ καταλαλεῖσθε ,						
a conscience	having	good	so that	in	this	they might speak against you
N-AFS	V-PPA-NMP	Adj-AFS	Conj	Prep	RelPro-DNS	V-PIM/P-2P

2617 [e]	3588 [e]	1908 [e]	4771 [e]	3588 [e]	18 [e]	1722 [e]	5547 [e]	391 [e]
kataischynthōsin	hoi	epēreazontes	hymōn	tēn	agathēn	en	Christō	anastrophēn
καταισχυθῶσιν οἱ ἐπηρεάζοντες ὑμῶν τὴν ἀγαθὴν ἐν Χριστῷ ἀναστροφὴν .								
they shall be ashamed	those	reviling	your	-	good	in	Christ	manner of life
V-ASP-3P	Art-NMP	V-PPA-NMP	PPro-G2P	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS	Prep	N-DMS	N-AFS

3:17 – For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

2909 [e]	1063 [e]	15 [e]	1487 [e]	2309 [e]	3588 [e]	2307 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	3958 [e]
kreitton	gar	agathopoiontas	ei	theloi	to	thelēma	tou	Theou	paschein
17 κρεῖττον γὰρ ἀγαθοποιούντας εἰ θέλοι τὸ θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ , πάσχειν ,									
[It is] better	for	doing good	if	wills [it]	the	will	-	of God	to suffer
Adj-NNS-C	Conj	V-PPA-AMP	Conj	V-POA-3S	Art-NNS	N-NNS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-PNA

2228 [e]	2554 [e]
ē	kakopoiontas
ἢ	κακοποιούντας ,
than	doing evil
Conj	V-PPA-AMP