

# 1 PETER

Hope & Suffering

*"Believers' Counter-Response to Unbelievers'  
Reaction to Believers' Response to Suffering"*

**INTRO:** *Peter summarized previous teaching (1:13-3:7). Such a counter-cultural response by Believers would certainly elicit a reaction from Unbelievers. How should Believers counter-respond to this reaction?*

**I. When *persecuted*, Believers are exhorted to not \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_ in a Christlike manner in anticipation of a promised \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8-12).**

**II. Believers' Christlike response to \_\_\_\_\_ will elicit two possible reactions from Unbelievers: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

**III. Gently counter-\_\_\_\_\_ to Unbelievers' \_\_\_\_\_ to Believers' response to \_\_\_\_\_ because Jesus assures our \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13-22).**

*In all things, Believers remain **blessed**. Jesus' resurrection assures that all Believers will be vindicated!*

**A. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ Unbelievers' \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Fear is to be reserved for only God.***

**B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to defend your \_\_\_\_\_ to Unbelievers' \_\_\_\_\_. *Our hope was defined earlier as a glorified body reserved in heaven.***