

Live New! In Baptism

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Most people are _____ in relationships and need assurance that they are _____.

¹³ *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?*
1 Peter 3:13, NIV

Come on Peter, “No good deed goes _____.”

¹⁴ *But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.* “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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.* 1 Peter 3:14-16, NIV

My willingness to suffer for what is right gives me _____ and opens the _____ of people close to me.

¹⁷ *For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.* ¹⁸ *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.* ¹⁹ *After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—* ²⁰ *to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.* 1 Peter 3:17-20^a, NIV

Christ's suffering, followed by a _____ proclamation, is the ultimate proof that suffering accomplishes a _____.

In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ *and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—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.* 1 Peter 3:20^b-22, NIV

Baptism is an assurance that I am loved. I use my baptism and connect to Jesus's resurrection daily by:

- _____ my sinful nature.
- _____ my new God-given identity.

¹ *Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.* 1 Peter 4:1, NIV

I will reframe my view of suffering from God punishing me to sin leaving my body and life.

² *As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.* ³ *For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do. . .* ⁴ *They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.* ⁵ *But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.* ⁶ *For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.* 1 Peter 4:2-6, NIV

Understanding my new identity, I will _____.

MEMORY VERSE

¹⁸ *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.* 1 Peter 3:18^a, NIV

My next step: I will remember my baptism - when God washed away my sin. Every day I will drown my sinful nature and embrace my new identity. This will enable me to Live New!

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