

**Suffering for the Right Reasons**  
**(or The Rules for the Classroom of the Christian Life)**  
**I Peter 3:8-22**

- I. Be a blessing.
  - a. Live in harmony with one another.
  - b. Be sympathetic.
  - c. Love as brothers.
  - d. Be compassionate and humble.
  - e. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing.
  
- II. Do not fear what they fear.
  - a. Set apart Christ as Lord.
  - b. Be prepared to give an answer.
  - c. Do this with gentleness and respect.
  
- III. The reasons why it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.
  - a. For Christ died for sins once for all.
  - b. Jesus was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.
  - c. Baptism.
  - d. Resurrection.