LifeChurch Panania, 30 May 2021

Prepper's Bible

¹³ Now, who will harm you, if you prove to be zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you suffer for righteousness, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear. Do not be disturbed.

- 15 Instead, in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord, always ready with a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the confidence that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
- ¹⁶ keeping a good conscience, so that, in case they might speak against you, they shall be ashamed of slandering your good behaviour in Christ.
- ¹⁷ For, if the will of God wills it, it is better to suffer for doing good, than for doing evil.
 1 Peter 3:13-17, PLT

Prepare your 3:13-14

Be of good cheer. John 16:33 I have commanded you. Joshua 1:9 ...because I am with you. Isaiah 41:10

Prepare your 3:15a

The Lord wants... 2 Peter 3:9 Lord. Lk.2:11, Rom.10:9, Col.3:17, Phil.2:11

Prepare your 3:15b

What God has done for you. Mk.5:19, Lk.8:39 My mouth will tell. Psalm 71:15-16

Prepare your 3:15c

A living confidence. 1 Peter 1:3 We were eyewitnesses. 2 Peter 1:16

Prepare your 3:16-17

Always be gracious. Colossians 4:6

My Prayer priorities for the week beginning Sunday 30 May 2021

- S 30 Our online congregation
- M 31 Taina, May.
- T 1 Ian and Eleanor
- W 2 Val. Joan.
- T 3 Lorraine. Jim.
- F 4 Deirdre. Lyn.
- S 5 Stuart and Kaye
- S 6 Clarence and Irene

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. Have you seen the program, Doomsday Preppers? Can you understand why these people hoard food and weapons?
- 2. Today's text begins with a question (v13). Do you think bad people would ever want to harm good people; if so, why?
- 3. The first half of v14 reminds us of our position, in spite of our circumstances. We are... The second half of v14 reminds us how to maintain that position. How do these "do not"s maintain blessing?
- 4. We are given an alternate pathway in v15. What are these steps; and why are they presented in this order?
- 5. What are we defending against? What makes for a good defence? What is your less-than-30-second defence?
- 6. This text ends with a return to Christians suffering (v16b-17). Why would it be God's will for His children to suffer for doing good?

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