

Living to Display God's Grace BY SUBMISSION WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

1 Peter 3:8-12



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

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1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Romans 15:4-6

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Similar to harmonious; means meek-minded or humble-minded

Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:3-4

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- Be Sympathetic & Be Kindhearted

Sympathetic: to understand and share in the feelings of another, particularly in times of suffering.

Kindhearted: compassionate or tenderhearted.

Together, they express active tenderhearted concern, forgiveness, and acts of compassion (Mark 6:33-34).

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Philadelphoi = *philos* (friend) + *adelphos* (brother); characterized by **love for fellow believers** as brothers and sisters in God's family -- brotherly love.

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Chiasm:

A. Harmonious

B. Sympathetic

C. Brotherly = Main Idea

B. Kindhearted

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*“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 mistreat you.”
(Luke 6:27-28)*

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II. Live the Love You are Loved With (1 Peter 3:10-12)

You were spiritually dead, and God loved you to life.

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ...” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

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“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.... We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in Him.” (1 John 4:9-10, 16)

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Life: "... all the experience and richness of living to the fullest, not merely living as opposed to dying." (*John MacArthur*)

In fact, the **sense** Peter is giving here is that of happiness, exuberance, energy, and vitality.

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“Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14)

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1. *Keep your tongue from evil.*

Don't rehearse their wrongs to them.

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1. Keep your tongue from evil.
2. Keep your lips from speaking deceit.

Tame your tongue; don't nag, brag, slander.

Commit to always speak the truth in love.

Love will help you be quiet and measure your words.

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2. Keep your lips from speaking deceit.
3. Turn away from evil and do good.

“The good we enjoy follows the good we do.” (*Daniel Doriani*)

Peter’s definition of *good* is **counter** to what the **world** sees as good because it isn’t **tit-for-tat**. *Good* does not mean coming out on top or getting your way.

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*“Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.... Never take your own revenge....
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

(Romans 12:17, 19, 21)

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4. Seek peace and pursue it.

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”
(Romans 12:18)

Seek, pursue, and sacrifice for peace. Be intentional.

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What is it to be a blessing to others?

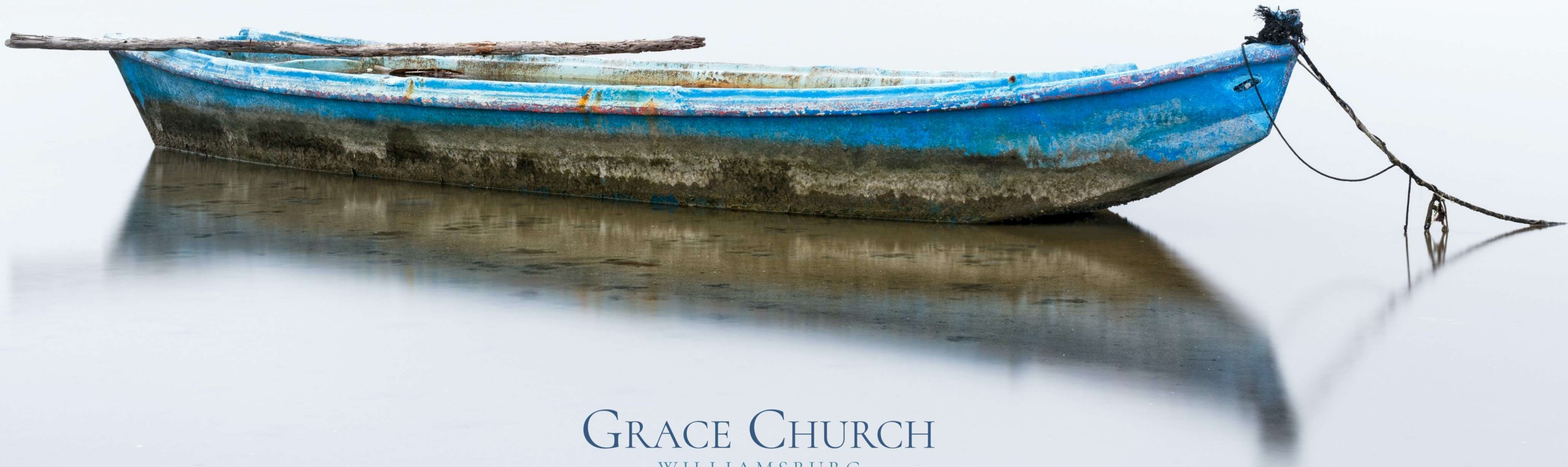
To **be a blessing** is to speak and do **God's good** in someone's life.

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The bottom line:

Our submission to each other is about each of us living out our submission in pleasing the Lord Jesus.

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