



# A Witness: "Someone who sees something important or amazing"



"You will receive power and you will be my witnesses."

-Jesus-Acts 1:8



"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

2 Corinthians 4



But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." Acts 4

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9

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1 Peter 3:9

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

1 Peter 3:13-14

in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15



## Anytime, Anyone



### Christ is the reason for your hope



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# Don't fear

# Always be ready

Relax

having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:16-17



A clear conscience is not about a perfect past...it is about a current clear relationship with God and as best you can, with others.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

1 Peter 3:18

in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

1 Peter 3:19-20

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1 Peter 3:21-22

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow

1 Peter 1:10-11

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Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4



(1) Noah and his family were a minority surrounded by hostile unbelievers; so were Peter's readers.

(2) Noah was righteous in the midst of a wicked world. Peter encourages us to be righteous in the midst of great cultural opposition and evil.



(3) Noah witnessed boldly to those around him. Peter encourages us to be faithful witnesses to unbelievers around us.



(4) Noah realized that judgment was soon to come upon the world. Peter reminds us that God's judgment is certainly coming.



(5) Christ preached through Noah to unbelievers around him. Peter is reminding us of the reality of Christ's unseen and powerful work through us in our witness.



(6) Noah and his family were saved, so too, those who trust Christ will be saved.



### Read/Act

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Gospel "read" on the world.

Gospels "actions" in the world.