

1/29/2023 - Speaker: Al Schaap

Series: "What's Next?"

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-17 (p. 1202)

Message: "My Testimony"

Romans 8:28-29 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son....

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For,

*"Whoever would love life
and see good days*

*must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.*

*They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.*

*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and His ears are attentive to their prayer,*

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 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, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. (1 Peter 3:8-17)

Our whole way of living _____
as either credible or something to be dismissed. Are we authentically like Christ?

The Credible-Christian life lives consistently w/ Christ's Character!

- Like-mindedness (not uniformity but unity)
 - Sympathy
 - Mutual love
 - Compassion
 - Humility
 - Non-retaliation & beyond...actually repaying
_____!
 - Being careful with our _____
 - _____ instead of flowing with the evil & anger
 - Remember _____/ultimately in control
 - " _____ " with your _____
to help them know why you live in such hope!
- What has God done in my life?
How can I help others get to know Him for theirs?
- Then keep living credibly: gentleness, respect, clear consciences

Key: sets up our testimony; evil with blessing; mouths; pursuing peace; Who is Lord; Always be prepared, testimony