

## Christian Living in Everyday Relationships

1 Peter 2:12-3:12

**Collect:**

Almighty God,  
 in Christ you make all things new:  
 transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of  
 your grace,  
 and in the renewal of our lives  
 make known your heavenly glory;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Reading**
**1 Peter 2:12-3:12**

<sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. <sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
 and no deceit was found in his mouth."<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray,"<sup>[f]</sup> but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**3** Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup> Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. <sup>4</sup> Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. <sup>5</sup> For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

**7** Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**Suffering for Doing Good**

**8** Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For,

"Whoever would love life  
 and see good days  
 must keep their tongue from evil  
 and their lips from deceitful speech."

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

<sup>12</sup> 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."

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:**

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**Intercessions:**

**The Peace**

## Welcome to St. Peter's

**How to get in contact:** If you are new here and would like more information, have any questions or would like someone to contact you please speak to a member of the welcome team or you can:

1) Email us on: [parishadmin@chesterstpeter.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@chesterstpeter.org.uk)

We will try to get back to you as soon as possible. This email is checked regularly but we do not have a full-time administrator.

2) Provide your details and preferred method of contact below and return this page to a member of the welcome team.

Name .....

Please contact me by: Email

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And/Or phone .....

Thank you for visiting and worshipping with us today. We hope to see you again soon. If you would like prayer before you leave, please ask any of the welcome or service leading team, or add your prayer request below:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Blessing:**

The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**NOTE: Distribution of communion.**

**Bread:**

- We often serve bread at communion.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a gluten free wafer when you come forward. 000

**Wine:**

- We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.
- We also have non-alcoholic wine in a separate cup. If you wish to receive non-alcoholic wine please come forward with your service sheet in your hands.
- If you do not wish to receive wine please feel no compulsion to do so.

**A blessing:**

- If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward, keep your hands by your side and we will pray for you.