I Peter 3:8-12

 *“As I Die To My Wishes”*

Introduction

1. If Jesus lives within, why is He seen so little in our lives?

2. We are so full of ourselves, and there is so little submission. *Submission (13)* is a Greek military

 term, *to arrange in military fashion under the command of a leader.* Peter says, create and

 maintain that attitude of heart!

3. As ‘I’ die to my wishes, and Jesus is seen in me...there will be evidence.

4. I Peter 3:8-12 Jesus will be seen in three major areas:

As ‘I’ die to my wishes, and Jesus is seen. What is the evidence?

**I. THERE WILL BE A LOVE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE 3:8**

*Finally* is to sum it all up. As Jesus is allowed to be seen in me…as ‘I’ move out of the

 road...evidence:

1. ***Complement One Another*** *Be ye all of one mind*
2. It doesn’t mean we are all alike, or we see things the same way. **We are all different.**
3. *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ (Phil 2:5).* He is to receive all the glory. ‘I’ must die!
4. ***Compassion For One Another*** *Having compassion one of another*
5. Our focus is on others and the needs of others.
6. We get so wrapped up in ourselves that we make an awfully small package. We are too busy to care. *Love as brothers* we are part of the same family!
7. ***Caring For One Another*** *Be pitiful* which is tenderhearted.
8. It is a kindness of heart toward others.
9. It is easy to become insulated and isolated. Jesus showed concern and was moved with compassion. **This Jesus lives in us!**
10. ***Courteous To One Another*** *Be courteous* which is humble in spirit.
11. God hates pride. *God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*
12. Jesus humbled Himself and died…*for others!* Christ washed the disciple’s feet…**This Jesus lives in us!**
13. We need to see ourselves as we are. To do so, we need to see Jesus as He is. We need to see as Jesus sees!

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**II. THERE WILL BE A LOVE FOR GOD’S PROVIDENCE 3:9**

 God allows negative things to come into our lives. Never is Jesus to be seen more than when

 we are wronged. The recipients of this letter were receiving a certain amount of persecution

 because they were doing the will of God.

1. ***The Actions*** *Stop retaliating…repaying evil for evil…insult for insult*
2. The word is giving in exchange.
3. After Christmas we do this: *“Would you like to exchange that?”*
4. ***On the contrary…***
5. ***The Attitude*** The attitude of Jesus…*Blessing*
6. Peter is not just focusing on the negative…*stop retaliating.*
7. *Blessing* from which we get our word eulogy which is *to speak well of.*
8. The very ones that crucified Jesus…He blessed!
9. ***The Authority*** *Knowing that you were called to this...*
10. Just as they were *called* to suffer in (2:21) This was God’s calling upon their lives!
11. I don’t always understand the providence of God. I don’t understand why He permits some to suffer terrible injustice.
12. We are *called* to constantly, continually bless those who hurt us and cause us pain! *“That’s not natural!”* No, it’s supernatural. It is God doing a work in us that is not natural!
13. ***The Attainment*** *That ye should inherit a blessing*
14. As the suffering is worthy of thanks when taken with the right attitude so God takes not of the *blessing.*
15. We think that no one will notice. God does!
16. This is a favored position with God’s hand definitely upon us.
17. Pain and hurt can be a time of growth and development which ultimately will allow us to look more like Jesus.

As ‘I’ die to my wishes, and Jesus is seen. What is the evidence?

**III. THERE WILL BE A LOVE FOR GOD’S PRECEPTS 3:10-12**

*For* God’s Word is paramount. Peter quotes from Ps. 34...a ‘Good Day’ for a believer is not

 one which he is pampered. To understand *good days* we must review Ps. 34.

 \*A ‘Good Day’ is one in which he experiences God’s presence and power in the midst of

 life’s problems and trials.

 \*They are not days necessarily free from problems: He wrote of fear (v. 4) troubles (6, 7)

 Afflictions (19) and even a broken heart (18)

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\*It is a day: In which he magnifies the Lord (1-3) In which he experiences answered prayers

 (4-7) In which he tastes the goodness of God (8) In which he senses the nearness of God (18)

 ***A. Our Measure 10-11***

 *“I” die:*

**1. Watch Your Words 10 God’s Power**

\*One of the first places that Jesus is seen is in your mouth.

 \*As a man thinks in his heart, the mouth speaks. When Jesus is enthroned *no evil…no*

 *guile (deceit)* is found in His mouth.

 **2. Watch Your Walk 11 God’s Peace**

\*When ‘I’ die and Jesus is seen it will affect my walk.

 \**Let him seek peace and pursue it.*

 ***B. Our Monitor 12* God’s Presence**

 *“For” God takes note:*

1. **He Sees** The word *over* is literally *upon.* The eyes of the Lord are directed in a

favorable sense for the good of those who submit to His control. This is absolute surrender!

1. **He Hears** The word *unto* is literally *into.* What a picture!!! God bending down into

every prayer of His children…earnestly listening and eager to answer.

1. **He Acts** He is against the rebellious. The rebellious are those who will not yield to

Him.

 ***Are you willing to die so that Jesus can be seen?***

*Let God have His way He knows what is best.*

*Let God have His way He’ll give you sweet rest.*

*Let God have His way and you’ll surely be blessed.*

***This moment...let God have His way.***