

1 Peter

3:8-12) As He quotes from Psalm 34:12-16 how does Peter make this connect to all of our earthly relationships (see also Ephesians 5:21)

“Live in harmony” is a challenge. The word used in the original Greek in verse 8 is found nowhere else in the New Testament. We are often said to have the same confession (homologys). But here we are to have the same “mind” (homophonys). How do sympathy, love, compassion and humility play a part in this?

Verse 9 then tells us whether this applies even to those who will not repay our kindness. Does it? How does this apply especially to Psalm 34?

How is it possible to live this way according to verse 12?

3:13-16) How does verse 15 in the context of these surrounding verses change? What is the greatest challenge to being prepared to speak?

What are we to expect in this life? (See also Isaiah 8:12-13 & Matthew 5:10-12)

How can it be that, as Luther says on this text; “Hence rascals and wrong are a good thing too.” (see Job 1:21, Romans 5:3-5 & 8:28)

What danger is there if we don’t know Scripture? (see 2 Thesalonians 2:13-15; 1 Timothy 4:1-3 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

What hope is there that we can do what God’s Word here commands? (Matthew 10:19-20)

3:17-22) When did Christ go and “make an announcement” to the “spirits in prison” and why is that translation in the EHV so important to understand properly?

How does one speak to spirits?

How does Noah’s story foreshadow baptism? (compare Galatians 4:22)

How can baptism do such great things – according to this Scripture?

Noah’s flood is viewed by many as either a myth or at most a local flood. Discuss why it is important that what the Bible teaches regarding the world-wide nature of the flood is both understood by Christians and maintained within their Christian witness.

More and more people and more and more religious bodies deny the existence of heaven and hell, but especially hell. Discuss why this is the case and why it is imperative that we uphold Biblical teaching in this area.