



Introduction

Following the example of Jesus.



Questions

1. Why does Peter tell believers to show love amongst themselves?
2. What does Peter say about those who serve?
3. What advice does Peter give to those who suffer for being a Christian?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** We should put our past lives behind us and follow Jesus' example. We should be self-controlled, loving and selfless
- **v 12 to 19** We shouldn't be surprised if we have problems and suffer like Jesus (see theme). We should trust in God, our Creator, who will save us when the time for judgement comes

Timeline 60 AD (see below)



Theme

Bad things happen to good people

A selection of verses showing why bad things happen to good people.

There are many examples in the Bible of bad things happening to good people. The supreme example is the Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified despite never having done any wrong. The apostle Peter tells us that this was for a reason:

1 Peter 3 verse 18

The letter to the Hebrews gives us the reason why some bad things happen to us:

Hebrews 12 verses 6 to 11

The apostles remind the first century believers that life as a believer can be difficult:

Acts 14 verse 22

1 Peter 4 verses 12 and 13

Jesus Christ says that bad things happening to people should serve as a warning to make us stop and think about our lives:

Luke 13 verses 4 and 5



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 8, Q 2: v 11, Q 3: v 16



Bible timeline

