

**THE READY WITNESS OF THE BELIEVER**

**Introduction:** This chapter shows how submission (3:1-12) and suffering (3:13-22) prepare believers to be ready and effective witnesses for Jesus Christ. Submission is an effective witness to the unsaved in the home. Suffering is necessary in the birth process in both physical and spiritual birth. Christ suffered to provide the new birth. Believers suffer as witnesses of the new birth (Phil 1:29).

**Lesson Aim:** Learn how submission and suffering make believers into ready witnesses for Christ.

**Memory Verse:** "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Pet 3:15).

**Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:****I. Submission — 3:1-12**

1. How should a Christian wife seek to win her unsaved husband to Christ? "Conversation" is conduct.  
3:1 -  
3:2 -
2. How should a Christian wife make herself beautiful? 3:3-4
3. Give three reasons why a Christian husband should honor his Christian wife. 3:7
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
4. Give five ways that believers can be submissive to one another. 3:8
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
5. What must a believer do to live a long, good life? 3:10-11
6. Name two advantages that a godly believer has. 3:12

**II. Suffering — 3:13-22**

7. How should we react when we suffer for doing what is right? 3:14
8. How should we answer a person that asks a reason for our hope? 3:15
9. What has Christ done for sinners? 3:18
10. What was Noah doing while he built the ark for 120 years? 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5; Gen. 6:3
11. How does baptism save us? 3:21
12. What happened to Jesus after His resurrection? 3:21-22