

The Believer's Strike Zone

1 Peter 3: 8-17

Sermon Series: Home Run Living, Pt. 4

May 3, 2015

Home Run Living Theme Verse:

1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

Today's Passage:

(1 Peter 3:8)

What Is The Christian Strike Zone?

1 Peter 3:15, *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be*

ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

- *Christ In _____* (vs. 15)
- *Being _____* (vs. 17)
- *Defending _____* (vs. 15)
- *Living in _____* (vs. 16)

How Do We Live In The Strike Zone:

Strike 1: Living With The _____ (vs. 8)

1 Peter 3:8, *Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.*

(Philippians 2:3)

Strike 2: Living With The _____ (vs. 9-11)

1 Peter 3:9, *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. ¹⁰For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. ¹¹They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.

(Luke 6:27)

Strike 3: Living With The _____ (vs. 13-14)

1 Peter 3:13, *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”*

(Galatians 6:9; Matthew 18:21)

Two Apologetic Opportunities:

1) **Monthly:** CCBC Reasonable Faith Group monthly meeting:
3rd Thursday of every month in A202/A203, 6:45p – 9:00p.
Leaders: Ron Woodruff and Mark Headrick. For more information, email julia.white@cottonwoodcreek.org.

2) **Summer:** Defending Your Faith Conference and College Prep Course at Cottonwood Creek: Friday-Saturday, July 10-11.

Speakers: Dr. Frank Turek (Author: *I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist*); Dr. Mike Adams (Author: *Letters to a Young Progressive: How to Avoid Wasting Your Life Protesting Things You Don't Understand*); J. Warner Wallace (Author: *Cold Case Christianity*).