

SERMON NOTES

Ketchupology - What Can Heinz Teach Us About Faith?

Pastor Carl Toti August 30-31, 2014

1. CHRIST CENTEREDNESS

1 Peter 3:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ But in your hearts set apart 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,

Romans 12:12 (NRSV)

¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Isaiah 8:12-14a (NLT)

¹² "Don't call everything a conspiracy, like they do, and don't live in dread of what frightens them. ¹³ Make the LORD of Heaven's Armies holy in your life. He is the one you should fear. He is the one who should make you tremble. ¹⁴ He will keep you safe…"

2. CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1 Peter 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

New Testament letters we find references to "good" conscience (Acts 23:1), "weak" conscience (1 Cor. 8:7), "clear" conscience (1 Tim. 3:9), "seared" conscience (1 Tim. 4:2), "corrupted" conscience (Titus 1:15) and "cleansed" conscience (Hebrews 10:22).

1 John 3:20 (GW)

²⁰ Whenever our conscience condemns us, we will be reassured that God is greater than our conscience and knows everything.

3. CHRIST-LIKE CONDUCT

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,