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FIRST PETER

Security in a Hostile World

First Peter 3:13-17

In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

1 Peter 5:10 (NLT)

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The apostle Peter gave essential instructions to believers about living in a hostile world. Because believers in those days were undergoing severe persecution, Peter wanted them to live securely in the midst of such hostility. He began directly addressing the issue of persecution in 1 Peter 3:13. But before that, he gave some important spiritual advice. Peter's letter delineates the believer's identity, relationship & perspective to a hostile world then in this section he details the believer's security in a hostile world.

Two developments (13-14a)

Five directives (14b-16)

1. *Cheer up (14b)*
2. *Fear not (14c)*
3. *Distinguish Christ (15a)*
4. *Speak out (15b)*
5. *Get it together (15c-16)*

One decision (17)

*These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.