

The image features a landscape with several trees in silhouette against a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The trees are dark and their branches are clearly visible against the lighter sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Be Ready To Give An Answer

1 Peter 3:8-22

A photograph of an ancient scroll, possibly a manuscript, displayed in a museum or library. The scroll is unrolled and shows several columns of text written in a cursive script. The paper is aged and yellowed. The text is arranged in multiple columns, with some lines highlighted in red and green. The scroll is mounted on a wooden frame. The background is dark, suggesting a museum setting.

I. Saints Must Be One

A. Display Affection To One Another

- Five words are used to emphasize that saints need to unite firmly / *Pet.3:8*

1 One Mind Purpose in working together

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in **the same mind and in the same judgment.**

1 Cor.1

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5 Humble minded *Phil.2:3-4*

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- Why did Peter write to Christians that they shouldn't seek revenge? / *Jn.4:20-21*

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, **he is a liar**; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God **must love his brother also.**

- Always remember that a revenge war is never ending and no one wins *Jud.15:1-11*

A. Display Affection To One Another

B. Turn Away From Evil *Isa.34:12-16*

- **God's people are warned not to speak evil or deceit / *Pet.3:10-12***
 - **Worldly people hear of it and blaspheme The Lord *2 Sam.12:14***
 - **Always remember that God can see and hear you wherever you are *Psa.139:1-14***
 - **Reflect Jesus in your words! *Eph.4:29***



**II. Sanctify The Lord In
Your hearts**

A. Trust Jesus Completely *Don't be afraid*

- Don't take your spiritual eyes off the one who has all authority *Matt.28:18-20*

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" *Rom.11*

- Why does anyone think he can pass judgments on The Almighty's laws?

A. Trust Jesus Completely

- **Always be ready to give a defense to all who asks you about your hope / *Pet.3:15***
- **Moses said God was sending another prophet that all must hear *Deut.18:15-19***
- **Jesus informed His disciples that the Holy Spirit would give them all truth *Jn.16:12-15***
- **Saints must grow up into full maturity or they displease our Lord *Heb.2:1-4***
- **Saints are mindful of others! / *Cor.9:20-22***

A. Trust Jesus Completely

B. Keep A Good Conscience

- **Before the Sanhedrin Paul said he had lived in all good conscience *Acts 23:1***
 - **Saints never violate your consciences even if they're wrong *Rom.14:21-23***
 - **Never forget the importance of good Christian relationships / *Cor.10:23-29***
 - **The most important issue is salvation!**

III. Observe Jesus' Suffering



A. Christ Showed His Love For All Men

- Men have nothing to offer God for sins but Jesus offered His perfect life / *Pet.2:20-24*

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, **both sure and steadfast**, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,
20 Where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, **having become High Priest forever** according to the order of Melchizedek. *Heb.6*

- Can anyone think of a better message that could be given to suffering Christians?

A. Christ Showed His Love For All Men

B. Jesus Continues To Invite Everyone

- As Noah was saved through water men are to be saved through it today / *Pet.3:20-21*

21 There is also an antitype which now saves us - baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ */ Pet.3*

- When a person obeys his conscience finally says good!

Always Remember!

12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil

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