



## Sermon Notes: Redemptive Retribution

1. A Culture.

2. A Contrast.

3. A Conduct.

4. A Compensation.

5. A Calling.



## Gospel Applications: Redemptive Retribution

1. *1 Peter 3:8-12* is summarizing the types of good and beautiful attitudes and actions that are most likely to lead unbelievers to glorify God (see *2:12*). How do these summary words relate to the areas of politics/civic life, vocation and work, and marriage, that Peter just discussed?
2. Working from the outside-in, what parallelism do you observe in the list of five attitudes in *3:8*? What areas of your person are involved in how you love and accept fellow believers?
3. Reflect on a time when you received the kind of love from the Christian community described here. How did that make you feel? What effect did that have on your soul/spiritual life at the time?
4. Many of us have heard unbelievers say something like, "Christians shoot their own wounded." Where/how have you seen that happen? How did Christians justify that kind of behavior (if you know)?
5. Think about the situation(s) you observed in #5. How could that have gone differently, so it looked more like the kind of community Peter describes in our text?
6. What do you most need to change in order to offer other believers the kind of safe, caring community described here? Who needs that kind of encouragement from you right now? What's your first step?
7. Reflect on a situation where it's natural for you to repay evil with evil (or "fight fire with fire"). What would it look like not only to turn the other cheek but to actually repay evil with good?
8. How is Scripture's picture of "the good life" different from the world's? What effect does each version of "the good life" have on others?
9. Why is the Cross of Christ so central to your ability to obey all the things commanded in this text? How does the Cross transform your thinking?
10. What one thing will you change in response to this message?