BENEFITS OF FAITHFULNESS.

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INTRO:

A. Read the text: 1 Peter 3:1-16.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Peter uses terms to describe the behavior of faithful Christian:
   1) (**Vss. 10-12**)
   2) "Good conduct in Christ" (**Vs. 16**).
2. Peter in our text point out three great benefits of being faithful as Christians:

I. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST (VS. 1-2).

A. Titus 2:1-8.

B. The faithful seek to be an example of Christianity (1 Pet. 3:2).

1. Wives can influence husbands by quite "chaste **conversation**" (lifestyle).
2. Parents lay the groundwork of raising faithful children by being faithful themselves.
   1) Fathers can best train his children by being good before him (**Eph. 6:4**).
   2) Mothers can best mold her daughter's character by teaching and living the Christian life (**Titus 2:3-5**).
3. Our neighbors should see Christianity in us!

C. Seeking to win souls is the work of faithful brethren (Mark. 16:15-16; 2 Tim. 2:2).

II. WE OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF GOD (VS. 12-13).

A. This means that God hears our prayers (John 9:31; Prov. 28:9).

B. With God's approval we are "more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:31; Phil. 4:13).

C. Means that we are abiding in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9).

1. We reject doctrines of men (**Matt. 15:9; Titus 1:14**).
2. We will not follow the doctrines of preachers, parents or our peers.

III. WE HAVE THE SOLUTION TO UNJUST CRITICISM (VS. 15-16).

A. A godly life is the best defense against false criticism.

1. **Matt. 5:16; Phil 2:15**.
2. **1 Pet. 3:16**.

B. A godly life requires being "in Christ" (v. 16; 2 Tim. 3:12).

1. Those in Christ have heard the gospel (**Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:47**).
2. Those in Christ have believed the gospel (**Rom. 1:16; 10:16**).
3. Those in Christ have repented (**Luke 13:3; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38**).
4. Those in Christ have confessed Christ (**Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10**).
5. Those in Christ have been baptized (**Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:21**).
6. Those in Christ have been faithful (**1 Thess. 4:14-16; Rev. 2:10**).
7. Those in Christ are "new creatures." (**2 Cor. 5:17**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. It pays to be faithful because of the effect can have on our:

1. Personal relationship with God.
2. Contacts in life.
3. Our critics.

B. Faithfulness secures heaven as our eternal home (Rev. 2:10).