

FINALLY, ALL OF YOU, HAVE UNITY OF MIND,  
SYMPATHY, BROTHERLY LOVE, A TENDER HEART,  
AND A HUMBLE MIND. DO NOT REPAY EVIL FOR  
EVIL OR REVILING FOR REVILING, BUT ON THE  
CONTRARY, BLESS, FOR TO THIS YOU WERE  
CALLED, THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN A BLESSING.

**1 PETER 3:8-9**

BUT WHEN WE SUFFER, IF OUR COLLECTIVE CHRISTIAN TONE IS COMPLAINT, IF WE CONSTANTLY LAMENT OUR LOSS OF CULTURAL INFLUENCE OR SOCIAL STANDING, IF WE WEEP AND MOURN AS IF JERUSALEM HAS FALLEN WHEN OUR CHOSEN POLITICAL AGENDA IS OVERLOOKED, THEN WE EXPOSE OUR TRUE VALUES. THOSE TROUBLING CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE A WAY OF

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UNMASKING OUR HIGHEST HOPES. SADLY, FAR  
TOO OFTEN THEY REVEAL OUR HOPES HAVE  
ACTUALLY BEEN IN THIS PRESENT AGE AND NOT  
IN THE ONE TO COME.

**ELLIOT CLARK**

DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY  
LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT  
HATE, ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

FOR “WHOEVER DESIRES TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT; LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN TO THEIR PRAYER. BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.”

**1 PETER 3:10-12**

NOW WHO IS THERE TO HARM YOU IF YOU ARE ZEALOUS FOR WHAT IS GOOD? BUT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, YOU WILL BE BLESSED. HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM, NOR BE TROUBLED...

**1 PETER 3:13-14**

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME. REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR

**MATTHEW 5:9-12**

REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY  
PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE  
YOU.

**MATTHEW 5:9-12**

BUT IN YOUR HEARTS HONOR CHRIST THE LORD  
AS HOLY, ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A  
DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU FOR A  
REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU; YET DO IT  
WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT...

**1 PETER 3:15**

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BE READY TO EXPLAIN WHY THAT IS TO THEM.

...HAVING A GOOD CONSCIENCE, SO THAT, WHEN YOU ARE SLANDERED, THOSE WHO REVILE YOUR GOOD BEHAVIOR IN CHRIST MAY BE PUT TO SHAME. FOR IT IS BETTER TO SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD, IF THAT SHOULD BE GOD'S WILL, THAN FOR DOING EVIL.

**1 PETER 3:16-17**

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# THE CHARLESTON NINE

# **THE AMISH MASSACRE**