

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 1:17-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Christian Life” - Part 2

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Grace, Holiness, Waiting, Sanctification, Maturity

Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 1:17-21

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17 And if you **call** on the Father, who without **partiality** judges **according** to each one’s work, **conduct** yourselves throughout the time of **your stay** here in **fear**;

18 knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your **aimless conduct** received by **tradition** from your fathers, **19** but with the **precious** blood of Christ, as of a lamb without **blemish** and without **spot**.

20 He indeed was **foreordained** before the foundation of the world, but was **manifest** in these **last times** for you.

21 who **through** Him **believe in** God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory (being now a human Jesus is glorified), so that your **faith** and **hope** are in God.

Last time we were invited to walk with God and that decision, that response to His invitation, imparts to us a “separation” from this world and toward God. (In this is our personal holiness)

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1.) Because the future is all about the HOPE

vs. 17

I believe that there’s a direct correlation:

- (1) The level of hope that you experience in your life is
- (2) equal to the reverence that you have for God.

1a.) Our hope is settled with access	vs. 17a
1b.) Our hope rests upon His goodness	vs. 17b
1c.) Our hope awaits the outcome	vs. 17c

:17c **conduct** yourselves throughout the time
of **your stay** here in **fear**;

And here's the key to it all

fear grk: phobos; to be put to flight, to be in dread of, to dwell or live or to sojourn with a profound, AWE, reverence.

“The phobos here used by the Holy Spirit in the authorship of the doctrine of personal holiness and sanctification describe the type of fear that is native to those who love God and desire nothing more than to please God. This healthy and divinely originated fear arises from the fact that the Christian is painfully aware that his daily living possesses the threat of a sinful thought or act.

This fear is like, but greater than the fear a child has against offending or disappointing their earthly father”

- *Dr. Wayne Grudem*

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2.) Because the past is all about your FAITH	vs. 18-19
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2a.) Faith is knowing the method	vs. 18a
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:18a **Knowing** that you were not **redeemed** with
corruptible things, like **silver** or **gold**,

knowing grk: having something of great importance revealed to you. Knowledge given. Having been told what the truth is or what the answer is.

2b.) Faith is knowing the direction	vs. 18b
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:18b from your **aimless conduct**
received by tradition from your fathers,

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Because the past is all about your FAITH

2c.) Faith is knowing the cost

vs. 19

:19 but with the **precious blood** of Christ,
as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

This is the doctrine of substitution taught in the Bible.

From Genesis to Revelation there is this connective thread that is preached by God through his Prophets, Preachers and even Angels – “That God was in Christ at the cross” purchasing the salvation of mankind

by the act of substitution.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all,

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3.) Because today is all about His LOVE

vs. 20-21

3a.) God’s love was greater than the risk

vs. 20

:20 He indeed was **foreordained** before the foundation of the world

Foreordained grk: proginosko; from 4253 and 1097; to know beforehand: — foreknew (2), foreknown(1), knowing beforehand(1), known previously(1).

Luke 9:22

And Jesus said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

John 10:17-18

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. **18 No one takes it from Me**, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

“No one takes it from Me”

I believe that, that it is true for the Christian also.

In reality – I believe that we cannot be murdered or killed. I believe that we cannot be put to death.

No one can take our lives from us – because we live eternally in Christ.

*“As Christians, I believe that you and I are unstoppable,
invincible until our time has come.”*

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Because today is all about His LOVE

3b.) God’s love is only by appointment

vs. 20

:20 but was **manifest** in these **last times** for you

**There is a God ordained purpose to
this “Reality of Now” in Your Life**

Joshua 1:5-6

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage,

Joshua 1:8-9

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.

For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Ephesians 2:8

For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God, **9** not of **works**, lest anyone should boast. **10** For we are His **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in **them**.

Anyone remember “**Slot Cars**” growing up?

As a little guy and young teen - - They looked so real. They were so fast.
(You took them to the track. You placed the car into the slot.
But it looked like it was out there alone on its own.)

Some of us – if not all of us, need a crisis in our lives.
(I mean this in love. We’re too interested in our own lives
to matter in the lives of others)

Your **Life is unraveling** all because of the wrong type of fear –
to protect you - you’ve placed it in your desired “**Slot**”.
You’re in Control – Others can see it – but you cannot.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and **lean not** on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways **acknowledge** Him, and **He shall direct your paths.**

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Because today is all about His LOVE

3c.) God’s love has been accepted or rejected

vs. 21

:21 who through Him **believe in** God,
who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, (why?)
so that your **faith** and **hope** are **in** God.

Acts 2:38-39

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

In light of all that He has done for us:

I must submit this challenge to you, the Christian at this church.

Do you believe in what you’ve heard here today?
How do you know if you do believe in what you’ve heard here today?

Pre-Flight Check List

Proof – does anyone in your life know that you know Jesus? - **check**

Proof – does anyone need you in this church routinely? - **check**

Proof – have you ever shared the Gospel with another person in life? - **check**

Proof – have you ever led anyone to Jesus Christ – witnessed? - **check**

Proof – if you decided not to go to church – would anyone miss you? - **check**

Matthew 28:18-19

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19 Go** therefore and **make** disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

The National Call To Fall Prayer

End of Study

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