

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 2:11-25

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 2:11-25

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:13 **Therefore submit** yourselves to every **ordinance** of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, **14** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him **for the punishment** of evildoers and **for the praise** of those who **do good**. **15** For this is the will of God, that by **doing good** you may put to **silence** the **ignorance** of **foolish** men - **16** as free, yet not using **liberty** as a **cloak for vice**, but as **bondservants** of God. **17** **Honor** all people. **Love** the brotherhood. **Fear** God. **Honor** the king.

:18 **Servants**, be **submissive** to your **masters** with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. **19** For this is **commendable**, if because of conscience toward God one **endures grief**, **suffering wrongfully**. **20** For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you **do good** and **suffer**, if you take it **patiently**, this is **commendable** before God. **21** For to this you were **called**, because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that you should **follow** His steps: **22** “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; **23** who, when He was **reviled**, did not revile in return; when He **suffered**, He did not **threaten**, but **committed** Himself to Him who **judges righteously**; **24** who Himself **bore** our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose **stripes** you were **healed**. **25** For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the **Shepherd** and **Overseer** of your souls.

In growing deeper in your walk with Jesus Christ, you will inevitably, naturally come to the study of “**Christology**” which is the study of the Person, the Nature, the Characteristics – the attributes of Jesus Christ, The Son of God, Savior.

1 Timothy 3:16a

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was **manifested in the flesh**,

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead **bodily**.

John 14:8-9c

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”
:9c Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

In his devotional book, Billy Graham wrote:
**“Knowing we will be with Christ forever far outweighs our burdens today!
So keep your eyes on eternity!”**

1 Corinthians 2:15-16

But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. **16** For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?”
But we have the **mind** of Christ.

This is one of the most profound truths of the Bible,
that the true follower of Jesus Christ is a man or woman possessed by the personal presence of the Holy Spirit of God and it is the Holy Spirit who is at work within us...

Philippians 2:5-8

Let (have it, take it) this **mind** (way of thinking) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider (to seek after) it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

From verse 11 all the way out to 1 Peter 3:12,
Peter’s Theme will be the Believer’s Submission in this World.

The Ever Present Jesus Christ

1.) Illuminates the way of the righteous

vs. 11-12

This instruction to the follower of Jesus Christ, **is not about** personal piety and godliness - - **Peter assumes this**,
He moves out and into the **missionary-world** of the believer

The Ever Present Jesus Christ Illuminates the way of the righteous

1a.) So we don't get lost

vs. 11

:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

In that order:

Beloved, I beg you as (1) sojourners and (2) pilgrims, You must be of another world before you can be a pilgrim traveler.

John 15:19

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Peter, having already established the fact that we struggle with
the temptations that come from this world –
He now points out to us that the Christian is engaged in a **war of cultures.**

“which war against the soul”

“Our Christian Lives are on a Collision Course with This World, not to win. But to win it over to the Love of God.”

- Jack Hibbs

Genesis 23:4 NKJV

“I am a **foreigner** and a **visitor** among you.
and again...

Psalms 39:12 NLT

Hear my prayer, O Lord! Listen to my cries for help! Do not ignore my tears.
For I am your **guest** - a **traveler** passing through,

:11b abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud (use to your own advantage or reasons) his brother (sister) in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

Galatians 5:19

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not enter the Kingdom of God.

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Illuminates the way of the righteous
So we don't get lost along the way....

The Lord shines His **LIGHT** ahead of you.
(*How often are we anxious about future things*)

The Lord shines His **LIGHT** behind you.
(*How often are we anxious about something of the past*)

The Lord shines His **LIGHT** around you.
(*How often are we anxious about today - right now*)

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1b.) So we can see clearly

vs. 12a

:12a having your **conduct honorable** among the Gentiles,

Conduct grk: ana'stra'phe; the daily behavior, the daily lifestyle, the daily manner of being, the daily way of life.

Honorable grk: KALOs; beautiful, excellent, sound, right – all that is truth.

**“Truth” carries with it the power to illuminate – truth is light.
Jesus Christ is The Light of the World**

It means that you make your life's decision based on God's commands.

John 1:1-4,9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, 9 That (Jesus) was the true Light **which gives light to every man coming into the world.**

We all are given a measure of Light and then more light is added if....

All of us, think about this...

The spirit of a man (the reality of my very existence – my personal consciousness, my self-awareness) is the lamp (illumination) of the Lord,
Searching all the inner depths of the heart.
Proverbs 20:27

There are a lot of people (*everyone*) today searching for reason and going about discovering “the why’s of life” - - that’s a good thing.

3 John 1:3-4

For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. **4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**

The Book of Revelation is the Revelation of Who?

HARVARD

(Truth John 14)

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OXFORD

(The Lord Is My Light. Psalm 27)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coat_of_arms_of_the_University_of_Oxford#/media/File:%20Oxford_University_Coat_Of_Arms.svg

UCLA

(Let There Be Light. Genesis 1)

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Matthew 20:29-34

Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Jesus. **30** And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" **:31** But the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out **all the more**, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" **:32** So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" **:33** They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." **34** So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately (1) their eyes received **sight**, and (2) they **followed** Him.

What does it look like to receive sight from Jesus?

He will have us to have our **conduct honorable** among the Gentiles,

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **24** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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1c.) So we will be used of God

vs. 12b

:12b that when they **speak against you** as **evildoers**, they may, by your **good works** which they **observe**, **glorify** God in **The Day of Visitation**.

The meaning is: that when Jesus Returns,
our earthly lives - lived for Jesus will "agree" with Him at His Revelation!

Because of your "LIFESTYLE – WITNESS"

They will shut their mouths on that Day because of
Condemnation

But what does that look like?

Matthew 5:1-16

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples (small group study) came to Him. **2** Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, For they

shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. :13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jude 1:22-23 NLT

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. **23** Rescue others by **snatching them from the flames of judgment**. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

In The Day of Visitation

Visitation grk: e'pis'ko'pe; the arrival, to arrive, the coming or the appearing of inspector or investigator. The long anticipated coming of the authority.

This is Not the Rapture of the Church,
But The Second Coming of Christ as King and Judge.

Joel 2:31

The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that **great and terrible** day of the Lord arrives.

Acts 2:20

The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the **great and awesome** day of the Lord.

The Bible says that hell is real and that it is a dark place.

The Bible says There is no light there.

The Bible says There is no comfort there.

The Bible says There's a sense of burning.

The Bible says It's the feeling of falling.

The Bible says There is unrelenting pain.

The Bible says There is "the weeping and gnashing of one's teeth".

What just might be the worst of it all - **The Bible teaches** that there is an awareness that others are in Heaven and that you could have been.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack (slow, forgetful) concerning His promise, as some count slackness (some think God is dead), but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to (a change of mind) repentance.

End of Study

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