

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 2:11-25

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“The Ever Present Jesus Christ – Part 3”

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

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

Responsive Reading

1 Peter 2:18-25

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.

The Nature and Characteristics of the Christian Life.

The Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim **liberty** to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at **liberty** those who are oppressed;

From verse 11 all the way out to 1 Peter 3:12,
Peter's theme will be the **Believers' Submission to God** in this World.

21 For to this you were **called**, because Christ **also** suffered for us,
leaving us an example, that you should **follow** His steps:

Because Christ **also** suffered

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 – and the attributes of
Jesus Christ, The Son of God, Savior.

Colossians 2:9

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

This is one of the most profound truths of the Bible,

That the true follower of Jesus Christ is a man or woman who is 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.

The Ever Present Jesus Christ

1.) Illuminates the way of the righteous	vs. 11-12
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1a.) So we don't get lost	vs. 11
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1b.) So we can see clearly	vs. 12a
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1c.) So we will be used of God	vs. 12b
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2.) Elevates the way of the humble	vs. 13-17
2a.) By our humiliation is faith intentional	vs. 13-14a
2b.) By our humiliation is faith confident	vs. 14b-15
2c.) By our humiliation is faith empowered	vs. 16-17

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3.) Liberates the way of the captive	vs. 18-25
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Liberates the way of the captive.

3a.) Jesus liberates us from “freedom”	vs. 18-20
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:18 Servants be **submissive** to your **masters** with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

Servants, (a translation debate, the word actually means servants within the house but also includes the slaves) be **submissive** to your **masters** with all **fear**, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the **harsh**.

The word “servant” means that you would be compensated for your labors. The word means that you would be paid for your skills or duties performed as someone who is on payroll or staff.

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....

In our 21st. Century world and especially the USA,
we would apply this to the **Employer** and **Employee** relationship

Jesus liberates us from a “false freedom”

**Did not Satan himself offer Eve
“freedom” from the Authority of God?**

This is exactly what Satan infused into humanity.

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve** by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

“I thought this through. I’ve been thinking about it.
It makes sense to me. I have peace about it.
So I’ve decided to...”

Proverbs 14:12

There is **a way** (self counsel, self advice, my way) that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

The cure for this form of “Freedom”

is the deliberate, willful act of submission, a self-determined slavery to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by the surrendering of all “freedoms” to Jesus Christ.

Submission to Jesus Christ is True Freedom.

I’ve learned that what **I want to think** is what **I better not think**
I’ve learned that what **I want to say** is what **I better not say**
I’ve learned that what **I want to do** is what **I better not do**

Victory over this indigenous, natural tendency of ours,
Is to take captive my life by going to the Word of God.

It works like this. The Holy Spirit will convict you and I of a thought or word or a deed. Then He will prompt us to go see what the Bible says about it. Once we see what the Bible says about it, we ask the Lord for forgiveness & the power of His Holy Spirit to live out that truth in our lives. By submission to this reality, we begin our ultimate freedom!

**The Ever Present Jesus Christ
Liberates the way of the captive.**

3b.) Jesus liberates us from “justice”

vs. 21-23

21 For to this you were **called**, (we are called to slaves) because Christ also **suffered** for us, **leaving us an example**, that you should **follow** His steps:

example grk: hupogrammos; an underwriting a copy made by the student. To trace the original.

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**;

There is the obvious reality here that is almost unrecognizable to the Western Church – the Christian and the church is appointed to suffering!

The Bible tells us here that a Christian can be in the middle of God’s perfect will, loved by God infinitely – and yet suffer greatly in this world. How can this be?

God knows no allegiance to this world,

He has made no promise to rehabilitate it or to reconstitute it – Rather, He has vowed utter destruction to it - to a Christ rejecting world - - He did die to rescue anyone who would flee out of it to Him for safety.

**The Ever Present Jesus Christ
Liberates the way of the captive.**

3c.) Jesus liberates us from “righteousness” vs. 24-25

24 who Himself **bore** our sins **in His own body** on the tree,

The **Jewish** Leadership didn't crucify their criminals – they **stoned** them!
The **Roman Empire** didn't stone their criminals, they either **beat** them
or **crucified** them

Do not miss this profound truth here:

“Who Himself bore our sins”

meaning that He, “self-determined” to personally involve Himself regarding your sins. Not only your sins – but the results of your sins of that Hell. He personally stepped into the wreckage, the destruction, the mayhem, the catastrophe of your life and mine.

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),

Colossians 2:14

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way,
having (He) **nailed it to the cross.**

24b that we, **having died** (D.O.A. or T.O.D.) to sins, might **live for** righteousness— (live on in righteousness)

2 Corinthians 5:19 ESV

That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not (having stopped) counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us (allowing us partnering with Him) the message of reconciliation.

Romans 6:1-2,13

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **:13** And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

The Reckoning.

Meaning, Jack Hibbs died 6/20/1977 and approximate time of death was between the hours of 7pm to 9pm. The Jack that once was, died that night. But a new Jack was born (born-again) on that same night - -

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

24c by whose **stripes** you were **healed**.

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Here is a remarkable statement,

One that has troubled some unnecessarily -

Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, interprets **Isaiah 53:5** to mean that the suffering (stripes) of Jesus Christ “Healed” us spiritually from all manner of sin. – **it’s not referring to physical healing**

“by whose **stripes** you were **healed**” meaning that the atoning-work needing to be done to heal mankind of its sins “happened” back then and shall not, cannot, ever will be repeated. This is a one time and forever healing from the power of sin.”

25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned (turned) to the **Shepherd** and **Overseer** of your **souls**.

Shepherd grk: poimen; a pastor.

Overseer grk: episkopos; the guardian,

“The shepherds of the East and his flock of sheep were nothing like that of what comes to our minds in the West. In Israel, there was no velvet green rolling hills for the sheep to graze leisurely upon or at their desire. The hills of Judea were rugged and stair-stepped. Grass was sparse and the cliffs and caves made up the landscape in all directions. The shepherds of the day were haggard and tired looking men, lean, well armed, sun-bleached and sleepless – they defended the flock from without and from within as the sheep were prone to wonder off into harm - ignorantly falling off a cliff or into a pit. Ever present was the danger of wild beasts that would follow the flock sometimes days on end waiting for an opportunity. A hyena or wild pack of dogs would suddenly and without warning seize away a lamb or two and that sometimes piece by piece.”

Isaiah 40:11

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Does Anyone Here Know What The 23rd Psalm is About?
(Clue – it’s not about David. It’s not about Sheep.)

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my **Shepherd**; I shall not want. 2 **He** makes me to lie down in green pastures; **He** leads me beside the still waters. 3 **He** restores my soul; **He** leads me in the paths of righteousness for **His** name’s sake. 4 yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for **You** are with me; **Your** rod and **Your** staff, they comfort me. 5 **You** prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; **You** anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the **Lord** forever.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to **Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and **I** will give you rest. 29 Take **My** yoke upon you and learn from **Me**, for **I** am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For **My** yoke is easy and **My** burden is light.”

End of Study

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