

Seven Bible Studies 2017

Epistles

November 5: 1 Peter 1-3 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, November 5 ~ 1 Peter 1 - 3

Peter is leading a church in Rome during this time (60 AD). He hears of other churches in neighboring Roman provinces are struggling with persecutions so he writes this letter to help encourage them through their struggles.

CH 1

Peter starts the letter out by reminding them of the great gift they have received in the death of Christ. This inheritance can never perish as it is eternal for God.

Peter addresses their persecution as this trial they are going through is a proving ground for their sincere faith in Christ. This trial proves your faith is strong if you overcome these persecution, which will result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. He reminds them that even though you have not seen Him, you show your love for Him and belief in Him. The result of such actions of faith is the salvation of their souls.

He tells them these persecutions were foretold by the prophets themselves as to how Christ would endure persecutions and those who followed after His death.

Keep your focus! Remember the have given you through Christ Ave know it will be revealed at His final coming. Put off your evil desires you had when you were in ignorance and put on what is Holy.

“for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”” 1 Peter 1:16

Since God is the judge, live your life in fear and respect of God, knowing God is a righteous judge. Your salvation was bought with a huge price; the blood of Christ, a perfect lamb from from blemish or defect. He was chosen before the world began for the end times. Because of Christ, you know God.

You have put on a new life, one where you shed the sins of your past. You have a new life that is imperishable.

CH 2

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.” 1 Peter 2:1-3

Christ is referred to as a living stone, rejected by humans but chosen by God... And that we are also like living stones and are being built into a spiritual house. In Ephesians 2:19-22 it states, “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Stones were used to build altars and also houses. We are being used as stones to build a spiritual house for God. We need to remember to never lose faith in Christ as he is that previous stone, rejected by man. He has become the cornerstone upon which all other stones

rest upon. This stone causes non-believers to stumble and fall as it is what they are destined to do.

God however had called us out of the darkness and into the light, so that we who accept and do His will, will praise Him. The gentiles were reminded of how once they were not the people of God, but now they have received mercy through Christ's death.

Peter warns them to keep themselves from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Also to live your lives in such a way that even though those who persecute you see your good deeds and glorify God on that day.

Peter goes on instructing them to submit to authority and how through their faith and actions they will show their love for God to others.

Peter reminds them how even when Christ was being insulted he did not retaliate against them but entrusted Himself into God who is the ultimate judge.

CH 3

Wives without husbands in the body of Christ, submit yourselves to them as this will help your husbands see the purity and reverence and hopefully be won over. "Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands," 1 Peter 3:4-5

Let your inner beauty show through! Likewise, husbands treat your wife with respect as the weaker partner. Remember you're both on the same mission in life.

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." 3:9

Love one another and be compassionate towards them. Turn from evil and do good!

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Peter 3:12

Even if you do suffer for doing good, it is better for you. Make such a reputation that when those of the world speak evil of you and slander you, feel ashamed of their slander.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." 3:15-16

Remember Christ also went through this kind of matter for your sake

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:

Thank you, brother Ryan!

Replies:

Ryan Ingle:

You're welcome!

Comment:

Ginger Hermon:

Such a short letter, yet much wisdom and guidance in Christian life and duties. Thank you, Ryan!

November 12: 1 Peter 4-5 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, November 12 ~ 1 Peter 4 & 5

Ch 4

Peter continues addressing the new Gentiles who recently converted to follow Christ. Christ suffered. Now you are suffering in the body. Resisting your desires of the sinful nature in return for pleasing God. Peter reminds them they have spent enough time living the sinful lives of the past. Those sinners will be “called on the carpet” before God who will judge them.

Peter encouraged them to remain sober so they could earnestly pray. Love one another with sincere love! Use your special talent to help others! Let your gift glorify God through Jesus as a testimony to Him.

When life gets hard being a Christian as those around you persecute you and speak evil of you, rejoice as you are following Christ! Remember, Christ was persecuted before you.

CH 5

Peter speaks elder to elder here at the beginning of this chapter. He instructs them to be good shepherds of their flocks that they care for. Not because you have to, but because you want to. You should be eager to serve and eager to be an example for your flock. You should not use the position to lord it over others. When the Chief Shepherd returns, your crown awaits you who have faithfully carried this mission.

Younger members who aren't elders submit yourselves to your elders. Be humble towards each other. Remember, God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Cast all your anxiety on Him. Be alert and sober minded as the devil is always prowling around looking to devour whomever he chooses. Stand firm in your faith. Know that others are going through the same kinds of trials. God will deliver those who are faithful to Him to eternal life with Him.

Comment:

Debbie Bolinger:

We need 2 be mindful of this all of the time.

Comment:

Ginger Hermon:

Thanks, Ryan! Some of the strongest and best arguments against sin are taken from the sufferings of Christ. He died to destroy sin; and though he cheerfully submitted to the worst sufferings, he never gave way to the least sin.

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:

Thank you, Ryan!