

Real Life and Real Hope

1 Peter 3:18-22

Introduction:

- Remember the context and the purpose of the text
- Remember the Bible is one book.
- Look at various interpretations of this difficult text.

- I. Living Through Hostility vs. 19-20
 - A. Good Works, Good Conscience, and a Faithful Life (13-18)

 - B. Bad Works, Bad Conscience, and a Need of the Gospel

 - C. No Response, No Hope, and Complete Ruin

- II. Living Toward Heaven vs. 21-22
 - A. JesusøSalvation and the Saved

 - B. JesusøSovereignty and our Surety

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 3:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Choir Practice Reception for Simmons
Wednesday	5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M.	WEDFEST Meal Wednesday Classes

***Visitors:** We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor of Pastor Steve Simmons and wife Jane for ten years of ministry here at our church. A reception will be held today at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for all the congregation and friends to honor Pastor Steve and Jane for their years of service to the congregation of Fifth Street Church.

Be sure to sign up for WEDFEST: the meal is served at 5:30 and classes at 6:30. We have two adult classes, Pastor Simmons will be teaching through the book of Hebrews and Gary Hopkins and John Orbaugh will be leading a group through a study of R. C. Sproul's book "Chosen by God". We would love you to join us for dinner and one of these classes.

General Assembly, Presbytery, Session, and Deacons' Meetings
General Assembly meets this year in Houston (June 17-20), and while it might not qualify for a "good vacation" it would qualify as good education. Presbyterianism is better understood when the work of the courts are observed and you are welcome to attend the meetings of all our courts (Assembly, Presbytery, and Session) as well as our Deacons Meetings. These meetings are open for observation and you would be welcome at any of them.

Offering counters this week are Milford Brinton and Ken Turman.

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WEDFEST Sign-up

Name: _____

	Meals (5:30 p.m.)	Menu
_____	12 and older - \$4.00	BBQ Pork Loin
_____	Ages 3-11 - \$2.00	Baked Beans, Potato Salad
_____	Up to 2 years of No Charge	Rolls
	<i>Family maximum of - 10.00</i>	Peach Cobbler

Help is needed for clean-up following the meal. Thank you.

Prayer focus for this week:

- Congregational Needs - Glen and Jami Milham, Heather Marshall, Rebecca Wiesinger, and Ranelle Sanders
- The Nursery - Rosie Abernathy, director*
- Redeemer PCA, Amarillo
- Nathaniel Adawonu - Returning from Togo
- Robert Hale - MTW/Wycliff, West Africa
- Scott Mitchell - RUF, Lehigh

**For some time we have prayed through a rotation that includes our missionaries, RUF ministers, and churches in our Presbytery. Now we are adding to that a rotation our Sunday School classes and the teachers. Please add these to your own weekly prayer times.*

Check out the Booklets: We provide a number of different types of outreach materials that we hope you will make use of in your ministry to others. Please take some and make use of them. You are also welcome to take one of the pew Bibles with you if you have need of a Bible or know someone who does.

Concerning today's text. Luther said of this text that it was the most difficult text in the New Testament and R.C. Sproul spoke of his view of this text as being in a minority because there is no majority position on its interpretation. These comments bring to mind what our Confession says concerning our understanding the Bible.

All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded, and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them. WCF 1:7

Tyler Presbyterian Church is hosting our joint worship service on April 27 at 6:00 P.M. Pastor Simmons will be preaching.

After the service a Ruling Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary if you wish to speak or pray with someone.