

“Anchored” *The Book of 1 Peter*
Class Notes
Session 7

1 Peter 1.10-12 In the ancient world the “old” and “early traditions” were deeply valued.

Peter points to this in reference to Christ. Perhaps in referencing of Jesus’ sufferings, Peter has min mind...

Psalm 22.1-2...Isaiah 53.4-5.

(v.11): Peter again affirms the Trinitarian nature of God... The “Spirit of Christ.”

At the same time... Peter links the work of Jesus with the ancient prophets. The continuity of God’s salvific mission!

(v.12): The interest in and study of angels was common in the Jewish world.

“According to some Jewish traditions, some secrets were so important that God kept them even from angels until the end time (cf. Mk 13:32); in some other traditions, angels envied Israel, who received God’s law.”¹

Peter’s Encouragement...God’s greatest and most powerful moment in human history...

The incarnation and mission of Christ...was revealed to (and for) humans!

The angelic world can only reflect with delight on God’s work of salvation for the world!

“The whole paragraph carries a strong flavor of the newness and the excellence of the church age. Peter tells his readers: ancient prophets predicted the grace that would be ‘yours’ (v. 10); you live in the great ‘time’ of ‘glories’ (v. 11) which was long foretold; the prophets were in fact repeatedly ministering for the benefit of ‘you’ (v. 12b); and world-changing events have ‘now’ been proclaimed to ‘you’ through the working of the Holy Spirit ‘sent’ in epoch-changing new power from heaven (v. 12b). Though the world may think such Christians insignificant and worthy of pity or scorn (see 3:14–16; 4:4), angels—who see ultimate reality from God’s perspective—find them to be objects of intense interest (v. 12c), for they know that these struggling believers are actually the recipients of God’s greatest blessings and honored participants in a great drama...We too may rightly think of our Christian lives as no less privileged and no less interesting to holy angels than the lives of Peter’s readers.”²

1 Peter 1.13-16 *Verse 13* begins with “therefore;” whenever you see a “therefore” in a Bible verse, it is right to ask, “What is it *there for*? ☺

The word “therefore” is recalling all that has been said in *vs. 1-12*.

Now, starting with *v.13*, Paul will ground God’s salvific work as described in *vs.1-12*, in multiple ethical exhortations.

Christians (you and me) obey and are faithful because God has chosen, saved, and redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil.

The Christian life is always lived out of God’s grace and power!

¹ C.S. Keener and J.H. Walton, Eds. *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible: Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture* (Zondervan, 2016).

² W.A. Grudem. *1 Peter: An Introduction and Commentary* (InterVarsity Press, 19198).

“God’s commands are always rooted in his grace. Another way of putting this is to say that the indicative (what God has done for us in Christ) is always the basis of the imperative (how we should live our lives). To confuse the order here would be disastrous, and the result would be works righteousness instead of seeing holiness as the result of God’s grace and power, as a response to the love of God in Christ.”³

Believers are told to set their hope completely on Jesus.

(v14): The phrase, “obedient children” is a Hebrew idiom describing the family relationship between God’s people, God the Father, and Jesus the Son.

Obedience... ὑπακοή (*hypakoē*)... “To obey” ... literally means to “listen,” to move in the direction of the one speaking.

When we listen to God through His holy Word, we are learning about God, His character, will, and ways.

(vs.15-16): As obedient children of God, we learn that we are called to be *holy like Him!*

Verse 16 quotes Leviticus 20.7...

Holiness in the Old Testament sense was not perfection, but conformity to the covenant requirements of God.

In this sense, we are like our Heavenly Father when we are faithful to Him and love like Him...

...As opposed to being faithful to the world and the cultural values set against God...His will and ways!

Going Forward...

God has made us holy *in Christ*...So we can live a holy life by His grace and power through the Holy Spirit!

³ T.R. Schreiner, *1, 2 Peter, Jude* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003).