A Study of 1 Peter: A Call to Hope and Holiness

An Overview of I Peter: Pilgrims of God | 6.16.19

1 Peter Sermon Series

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- 1. Pilgrims of God with an inheritance to claim
- 2. Pilgrims of God with a calling to obey

God has something to say to us about how we <u>do</u> life. God will have something to say to us about how we <u>did</u> life.

- 3. Pilgrims of God in a community to serve
- 4. Pilgrims of God with an example to follow

Quotes from our 1 Peter Series:

God has sovereignly ordained before the foundation of the world that His will would be 100% fulfilled and accomplished without violating secondary causes or taking away human freedom and responsibility. This is very difficult to comprehend because of the unique relationship between Creator and created.

Christ confirmed his truth claims by his resurrection. Our faith has logical, historical, archeological, and prophetical support.

Faith is to trust God with how we do life regardless of feelings, circumstance, or consequences. It's easier to define Jesus' love for us than it is to explain our love for Jesus. It's possible for us to say we love Jesus and be self-deceived. We confirm our love to Jesus by loving our spiritual brothers and sisters.

The Trinity models submission! Jesus, God the Son, was submissive to the God the Father; the Holy Spirit was submissive to God the Son and God the Father.

One day Jesus Christ will clarify to every one of us who was right and who was wrong. There will be surprises and there will be consequences. We have two paths before us, "self-serving desires" verses the "will of God."

Genesis 2:24-25 | God's Original Plan for Marriage

- Severance shall leave his father and mother
- Permanence shall cleave to his wife
- Unity they shall be one flesh
- Intimacy they were naked and not ashamed

The greatness and glory of marriage is beyond our ability to fully comprehend without divine revelation that comes from the Holy Spirit. The man without Christ does not have the capacities to perceive or feel the wonder of what God has designed the marriage to be.

- *Headship* is the divine *calling of a husband* to take primary responsibility for Christ-like, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.
- **Submission** is the *divine calling of a wife* to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts.

It matters to God how we treat one another as husband and wife! It's a big deal to God!

Dealing with suffering and injustice:

- Injustice occurs in various and numerous forms on this side of Heaven.
- God is aware of every injustice that occurs within our life.
- God's timing and response to injustice is perfect.
- God allowed His Son to experience the greatest degree of injustice.
- Jesus' example of suffering was for historical information and personal application.
- The example of Jesus is displayed in two ways:
 - ➤ He suffered without sinning, not one sinful word came from his mouth.
 - ➤ He trusted God the Father to judge the injustice.

There is nothing natural about responding to suffering and injustice in faith. That is why prayer, Bible Study, and the body of Christ (church) are so important. We place our spiritual life at risk when we forfeit these three disciplines.

There are times that you will honor God and suffer for it. This is never unnoticed by God, and it will be rewarded in due time by God Himself. Isn't it enough for you to know that God is fully aware of all of your suffering?

Every believer has inside help to enable them to trust God in every circumstance. (1) The Holy Spirit indwells us and gives us godly desires to counter self-serving desires. (2) We have Scripture to instruct, reprove, and encourage us. (3) We have Jesus Christ as our High priest and advocate. (4) We have God as our perfect, loving, and caring Father.

God's grace is the desire and ability **GOD provides** to believers through the ministry of the **Holy Spirit**, thereby empowering believers to remain faithful in obedience regardless of the circumstances. **Grace actually changes what we want to match what God wants.** Our desires start to line up with God's desires.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to take truths about Jesus Christ and make them clear to our mind and real to our heart in such a way that we willingly, completely, and joyfully submit to Him.