

STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE OF FIRST PETER

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(Lesson #2)

(Verse #8)

1Pe 1:8 **Whom having not seen**, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1. It is a walk by faith:

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

2. Thomas first doubted and then believed:

Joh 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

Joh 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

Joh 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace, be unto you.

Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

WE MUST LIVE BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

1. **The Just Shall Live by Faith:** Lot walked by sight and Abraham walked by Faith

Heb 10:37 For yet, a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

1. **An elderly lady fell and broke her leg while attending a summer Bible conference.** She said to the pastor who visited her, "I know the Lord led me to this conference, But I don't see why this had to happen! And I don't see any good coming from it." The wise pastor replied, Romans 8:28 doesn't say we see all thing working together for good. It says that we know it."
2. **Faith means** to surrendering all to God and obeying His Word in spite of circumstances and consequences.
3. **Faith is a believer's mighty weapon:**

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to fight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Heb 11:36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Heb 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

(Verse #9)

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

“For you are receiving the consummation of your faith, that is, the final salvation of your souls.”

(Verse #10-12)

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1. **That this salvation that we are waiting for, the return of Jesus Christ was part of God’s great plan for us from eternity.** The Old Testament prophets wrote about this salvation and studied closely what God revealed to them. They saw the sufferings of the Messiah, and also the glory that would follow; but they could not fully understand the connection between the two, the Messiah’s suffering and glory are blended in one verse or paragraph.
2. **God told the prophets that they were ministering for a future generation.** Between the sufferings of Messiah and His return in glory comes what we call the “Age of the Church” the truth about the church was a hidden “mystery” in the Old

Testament. They could not see the “Valley” in between the present age of the church.

Eph 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Eph 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Col 1:26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

3. **Even the angels are interested in what God is doing in and through His Church!**

“To look into” in Greek is literally, “to bend over so as to look deeply into and see to the bottom of a thing.” See on Jam_1:25, on same word. As the cherubim stood bending over the mercy seat, the emblem of redemption, in the holiest place, so the angels intently gaze upon and desire to fathom the depths of “the great mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels” (1Ti_3:16). Their “ministry to the heirs of salvation” naturally disposes them to wish to penetrate this mystery as reflecting such glory on the love, justice, wisdom, and power of their and our God.

STAYING CLEAN IN A POLLUTED WORLD

1 Peter 1:13-21

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1. **In the first section** of this chapter, Peter emphasized **walking in hope**; but now his emphasis is **walking in holiness**. **These two go together**, “every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure (1 John 3:3).
2. **The root meaning of the word translated holy is “different.”** A holy person is not an odd person, but a different person. His life has quality about it that is different.
3. **His present “lifestyle”** is not only different from his past way of life, but it is different from the “lifestyle of the unbelievers around him.
4. **“Gird up the loins of your mind”**
 - a. **Simply means**, “Pull your thoughts together! Have a disciplined mind!”
5. **A Sober Mind**: The word means “to be calm, steady, controlled; to weigh matters. Don’t get all carried away with prophetic studies and lose your spiritual balance.
6. **We should have an optimistic mind**: “Hope to the end” means “set your hope fully.” Have a hopeful outlook! “When **the outlook** is gloom, **try the up look!**”