

Peter's First Epistle

***I-PETER***

CHAPTER 1:13-16

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

***“LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON & DAUGHTER”***

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

*1 Peter 5:12*

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**INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 1:13-16**

**THE GREAT THEME OF THIS BOOK:**

**1 Peter 5:12**

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“that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.”**

We have been talking a lot about GRACE in our teachings lately... Paul in Ephesian and Peter Here

**Titus 2:11**

For the grace of God that brings salvation **has appeared** to all men.

On The Earthly Level, I cannot think of a more obvious setting, where grace naturally plays out it's favors then with children...

**God Likes Baby's and God Likes Little Children!**

(If you don't, then you're not like God)

**But God is into Children!**

**Psalm 139:13-14a**

For You formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made

**Psalm 71:6**

By You I have been upheld from birth; you are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.

Throughout scripture God calls his people "Children!"

**Children are People Too**

In fact - They're examples of what we are striving to become!

**Matthew 18:3 NIV**

And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Why?**

**A Child is IMPRESSIONABLE**

- #1 The way they look at the world
- #2 The street they live on
- #3 The house they live in
- #4 Their mother & father (for better or worse)

**Matthew 18:2-6**

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, <sup>3</sup> and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. <sup>6</sup> "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

**1.) The Glory of God (Waiting to go home)**

**vv. 13**

**Verse 13**

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

## 1a) Outlook Determines Outcome

“Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind**”

# **OUTLOOK DETERMINES OUTCOME**

Example:

### **Exodus 12:11**

And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover.

## **(ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF BEING READY FOR THE LORDS RETURN)**

“Living a dedicated life towards God”

When your focus is on the Lord's return and the thought of that is a reality in your mind - your lifestyle will be God centered - Your Girded!!!

### **1 John 3:2**

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

- \* **Gird Up**      **GRK anazonnumi (an-ad-zone'-noo-mee);**  
to bind up the edges. To pull up, what's hanging down to prepare to run.

## **But what does it mean?**

In the middle east when it was time to move, the man would tie a knot in his robe so he could be ready to run...

\* **Mind GRK 1271 dianoia (dee-an'-oy-ah)**  
your deep thoughts, your disposition. The imagination and understanding.

1b) Girding Up makes us a true witness

be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace  
that is to be brought to you

**Be Sober ~ Be Hoping ~ Be Holy**

**Is the way you live - God centered?**

**Be Not Deceived ~ God is not Mocked**  
(How we live does not change a thing in God's order)

**Hebrew 12:12-14**

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,<sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with all people, and holiness,  
**for without which no one will see the Lord:**

1c) A Prepared mind waits eagerly!

**at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

**Living in Expectancy of** the Lord's Imitate return produces a heighten  
sense of holiness (separated living)

**Know that someone very special  
is coming over, your natural reaction is to prepare!**

15 times in the Gospel's alone Jesus tells the Christians.  
"Watch"

Over 10 times Jesus calls them to be "Ready"

Paul told the church in Thessalonica  
that we would know the times and the seasons

**Luke 12:40**

Jesus said to them "Therefore you also be ready, for  
the Son of Man is coming **at an hour** you do not expect."

**THE OPPOSITE OF BEING "APATHETIC"**

To take An Active and Aggressive Stand

The Return of the Lord is  
Our Living Hope of vv. 3

**2.) The Holiness of God (Living in a special place) VV. 14-15**

**as obedient children**, (not conforming) yourselves to the former  
lusts, as in your ignorance **but as He who called you is holy**,  
you also be holy in all **your conduct**,

The Difficulty I have in my Christian Walk is this...

I'm still trying to grow up -  
When God what's me to grow down...

**To Get Small Again**

Needing Help - Needing Care - Needing Love  
(in heart, in mind, in soul)

You can become a teenager, that's going to happen.  
You can get older physically - that too is going happen....

((Little children do not defend themselves - but often take the blame))

God 's desire is to convince you that you are His, Personally  
love, forgiveness, direction, discipline

**Matthew 21:14 NIV**

The blind and the lame came to Jesus at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and **the children** shouting in the temple area, "**Hosanna to the Son of David,**" they were indignant. <sup>16</sup> "**Do you hear what these children are saying?**" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "haven't you read your Bibles,  
"**From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?**"

## Why Did Peter Have to Say These Things?

Because it's our weakness to hold on to the world  
the clothes, the cars, the bucks...

(Those things are not evil - but our love for them is)

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## **GOD WANTS US CONTENT AND HEALTHY**

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On that Wednesday night that **Chuck Smith** spoke

His message was "**Keeping yourselves in the love of God**"

**"BE Under the Spout, where the glory comes out"**

**"Not in the Gutter where the Waste is Poured Out"**

**2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." <sup>17</sup> Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

<sup>18</sup> "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

## **"My sons and My daughters"**

**WAKE UP, HANG ON, BREATH DEEP, STRETCH OUT, CATCH THIS!**

**Romans 12:1-2**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## WILLFULLY DO THAT...

### NOW HEAR THIS....

**Titus 3:5**

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

### CHANGE YOUR FOCUS...

**Colossians 3:1**

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

**Romans 12:16**

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

## A WARNING TO US ALL

**Sin will eventually lead to mental illness  
(issue a caution)**

**Romans 1:21 NIV**

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**Romans 8:7**

the carnal mind is enmity against God; for **it is not subject** (not submissive) to the law of God, nor indeed can it be.

**1 Timothy 4:1-2**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup> **speaking lies** in hypocrisy, having their **own conscience seared with a hot iron**,

## Verse 15

**but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy  
in all your conduct,**

- \* **Holiness**    **GRK 40 hagios (hag'-ee-os)**  
to be clean. to be set apart from, and dedicated to. a place of sanctity! To be removed from a place and put into a another

**Rebekah, my oldest** *is always thanking the Lord for our house in Chino Hills.....  
She loves the yard, she loves the trees, she loves the all the birds  
"I don't want to live anywhere else but Chino Hills"*

To Her - She lives in a Special Place,  
a dedicated place

You also be holy in all **your conduct,**

### **2 Corinthians 6:17**

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

### **Ephesians 5:1**

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

- \* **Imitators**    **GRK 3402 mimetes (mim-ay-tace');**  
to follow in the steps of another. To do as is observed

"Do as I say, not as I do"  
((Impossible))

## **JACK, JACK, JACK (A RIGHT GAB SALTED WITH GRACE HERE)**

Some parents are shocked when they find out that their little Jack or their little Jill is involved in pre-marital sex up the hill....

(YET THE PARENT IS VIEWING SUGGESTIVE MOVIES OR MUSIC IN THE HOME - MTV)

Some parents are shocked when they find out that their little Jack or their little Jill is involved in Gangs down the street

(YET THE PARENT ISN'T INVESTING ANY "QUANTITY TIME IN THE KID'S LIFE)

Some parents are shocked when they find out that their little Jack or their little Jill has turned out just like them

## The Pattern of "Imitation"

### YOU CAN LIKEN CHILDREN TO MANY THINGS

- Children are like the sandy seashore... you can write anything on them
- They are the ultimate computer... giving out exactly what was put in

#### 2c) Living out, what is written within

The Christian Church has become very Anemic because of Compromise

Jesus warned about the growth of the kingdom of God  
It's like a tree, with birds.

## Holiness

### 1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-- not even to eat with such a person.

### 3.) The Word of God (The security in the home) VV. 16

#### Verse 16

because **it is written**, "Be holy, for I am holy."

There is an old proverb that goes like this:  
"a word spoken is a life molden"

**John 15:3 KJV**

Now ye are clean through the word  
which I have spoken unto you.

**God's Faithful;**

**2 Samuel 7:25**

"Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said.  
(What God says stands Firm)

**We are to Be Too;**

**2 Timothy 2:19 NIV**

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

I remember a word spoken to me in the summer of 1980  
"that in years to come the Lord would call us to be used by Him and....."

That "Word" Has Brought Me Comfort Along the Way

**Proverbs 15:23b NIV**

and how good is a timely word!

**Invitation to Receive**

1. **Stress clearly** and repeat **the benefits** of the teaching for those who believe.
2. **Help the uncommitted** to see that God wants this for them too.
3. That **the choice is theirs** to make freely.
4. Choice **demands responsibility**.
5. The decision is **now**.