

Peter's First Epistle

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CHAPTER 1:17-21

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“GOD’S WORK: OUR RESPONSE!”

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 Peter 5:12

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 1:17-21

Last Week:

The Verses before us are in relation to the born believer in Jesus Christ and his or her “Family Life” with God the Father...

- That we are His children
- That He is our Father
- That we are to be living in a way that is consistent with us knowing God

**AND truth SHOULD BRING US
ASSURANCE & PEACE Now**

Be holy, because we are holy now in Jesus

No Longer chained to our old lifestyle and habits

He who hath the son is free - free from the worlds cycle of a self-centered living and the seeking of personal pleasures

Luke 17:33

"Whoever seeks to save his life (focusing of attention and energies on yourself) will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it."

After all, Jesus is really the only life insurance man you'll ever need

John 10:27-28a

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;"

Peter Next Week Tells Us;

1 Peter 1:23

We have been born again, not of corruptible seed (things) but **incorruptible**, through **the word of God** which lives and abides forever,

***** The Living Word *****

Hebrews 4:12

For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Theme of the Text:

Based Upon Verse

1 Peter 1:18

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold,

1.) The Christian's Lifestyle

vv. 17

Verse 17

And **if** you call on the Father, who without partiality, judges according to each one's work, **conduct yourselves**, (live your lives) throughout the time of your stay here in **fear** (respectful in awe of);

The Christian's Life style;

1a) Is to be Calling upon the Father

And **if** (Since) you call on the Father,

Now Calling Upon God is to be our Habit of Life...

(Not Budweiser, Not Ben Franklin)

But God is so busy - no He's not

He's Just Waiting to Hear from You...

To be with you

Matthew 6:25-30

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷

"Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

% "calling on the Father" %

What day of the year, every year, holds the world's record for the most collect calls made?..... It's Father's Day!

God's Phone # is **Jeremiah 33:3a**

"Call Me, and I will answer you,"

Children will naturally Call out to the Father for protection, for help, for strength, for security, when they're afraid....

"Since You Call" That's Normal

- I remember being so afraid of the **dark** when I was little....
- I remember being so afraid of the **wind** when I was little....

Stephen's Example:

Acts 7:59

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

John 6:37

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."

Verse 17b

The Christian's Life style;

1b) Is to Understand that God will Judge

“who without **partiality**

#1.)

He has, nor shows, any favoritism toward anyone

Deuteronomy 10:17

"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty and awesome God, who shows **no partiality** nor **receives a bribe**."

(Hey God, Let's make a deal....)

#2.)

He has, nor shows, any favoritism toward anyone

He “judges”

I thought as a Christian,
that I was now free from future judgment?

We are free from judgment - as a
punishment

Romans 8:1a

There is therefore now no **condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus,
(katakrima - the verdict)

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in the father who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

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Judges

GRK 2919 krino (kree'-no)

to distinguish, to determine, to evaluate, "to look for what is good and to bring it up"

But Daddy I Colored Outside The Lines...

What a rebel you are! - I wish I never had you - why can't you be like other children?

Not So, His Response Will Be More Like...

Yeah but, look how many times you stayed inside the lines
and look at all those great colors you used – WOW

2 Corinthians 5:8-11

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.** ¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, **we try to persuade men.**

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The Judgment Seat

GRK Bema

the awards platform of the Olympic games
(not Rewards but Awards)

He will judge me based upon *my activity - not yours*

He will judge me based upon *my motives - not yours*

He will judge me based upon *my decisions - not yours*

Hebrews 10:16

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," ¹⁷ then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Verse 17c

The Christian's Life style;

1c) Is to Have Our Goal in Sight - Heaven!

throughout the **time** of your **stay** here (earth)
in fear (respectfully in awe of)

- * **Stay or Sojourney** GRK 3940 **paroikia** (par-oy-kee'-ah);
someone who has a foreign residence, a traveler or pilgrim
- * **DEF. pass-port** (pas2pôrt1, -pÅrt1) n.
Having the right or privilege of passage, entry, or acceptance. To be acknowledged as a citizen of foreign land

OUR LIVES ARE JUST A “STAY” - A PASSING THING

Verse 17d

your stay here (earth) **in fear** (respectful in awe of)

- * **Fear** GRK 5401 **phobos** (fob'-os)
(to be put in deep respect for someone or something);
To stand in Awe being in awe of who He is..... and not wanting to sin against his love and grace

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

2.) The High Price Paid for Us

vv. 18-19

The High Price Paid for Us:

2a) What Earthly Wealth Cannot Buy

Verse 18a

knowing that you were not **redeemed** with **corruptible things**, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

The High Price Paid for Us:

2b) The Understanding the Cost of Salvation

“**knowing** that you were not **redeemed** with **corruptible things**, like silver or gold”

* **Redeemed** GRK 3084 lutroo
to back from, to purchase out of the market. to pay a ransom

There were 60 million

slaves in the Roman Empire at any given time
(**Many were Christians**)

They could be bought out of slavery

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

The High Price Paid for Us:

2c) Power to Deliver us from the chains of the Past

Verse 18b

We have been redeemed from....

“Our **aimless conduct** received by tradition from your fathers,”

“**Empty Living**”

How to Identify “**Aimless Conduct**” or “**Empty Living**”

Compare verse 17 (passing with purpose) to verse 18 (aimless living)

1 Peter 4:3-4

For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles-- when we walked in (1) lewdness, (2) lusts, (3) drunkenness, (4) rioting, (5) drinking parties, and (6) abominable idolatries. ⁴ In regard to these, **they think it strange** (your old friends) that you do not run with them in the same way of empty living, speaking evil of you.

1 Corinthians 6:9

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither (1) fornicators, nor (2) idolaters, nor (3) adulterers, nor (4) homosexuals, nor (5) sodomites, ¹⁰ nor (6) thieves, nor (7) covetous, nor (8) drunkards, nor (9) revilers, nor (10) extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And such were some of you.** But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

..... From Darkness to Light

The High Price Paid for Us:

2d) What our Response to such a Price Should be

Verse 19a

“**knowing** that you were not **redeemed** with **corruptible things**, like silver or gold””but with “**the precious blood**” of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Expression: “**precious blood**”

meaning “innocent blood” - blood untainted by the world

Verse 19b

as of a lamb without **blemish** and without **spot**.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:35-36

Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

the Doctrine of Atonement

Romans 3:23-25

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ but being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood,

* **Propitiation** **GRK 2435 hilasterion (hil-as-tay'-ree-on);**

the place of atoning through a sacrifice. (the mercyseat) the lid of the Ark (Genesis 22:7)

Revelation 5 tells us that when we get to heaven we will sing a song there... the first verse is "worthy is the Lamb who was slain"

He's Called the Lamb, & we are called His sheep

Sheep Need Constant Supervision:

- They'll starve with food right in front of them
- They will walk right out into a river to get a drink
- If they fall over they cannot get back up without human intervention

Sheep Need Constant Supervision:

SIDE NOTE - EVOLUTION IS BANKRUPT

In Fact... Sheep are another reason why evolution is not true and scientific because sheep must have human care or else they will die...
"Survival of the fittest means eradication of the weakest"

**((BUT SHEEP HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE BEGINNING
BECAUSE MANS HAS TOO))**

John 10:7 NIV

Therefore Jesus said "I tell you the truth, I am the gate, the door, for the sheep....⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. **He will come in and go out, and find pasture.**

Sheep need constant attention from A shepherd and so do we, because we are just like them....

- We'll go right out into the river to get a drink and drown (physically)
- We'll starve with food right in front of us (spiritual)
- When we fall down or over, we can't get back up either (for life)

We Need Constant Supervision:

(consider the trouble you've gotten into without God)

3.) God has Provided the Way

vv.20-21

Verse 20

God has Provided the Way:

3a.) The Eden was no Accident

He indeed was **foreordained** before the foundation of the world, but..... was **manifest** in these last times "**for you**"

Ephesians 2:5-7

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Verse 21

who, through Him, (Jesus) believe in God who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

God has Provided the Way:

3b) All for You Personally, You Privately

What God has Done for you,
He did Personally and Privately for you...
But He performed it Publicly

John 18:20

Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and **in secret I have said nothing.**

“in secret, I have said nothing.”

Luke 12:8 ESV

"I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God.

The Space Program and Mission Control

(All the men, all the equipment, all the monitors)

During the gulf war the budget was analyzed, and it was determined that for every one military personnel in the battle, there was 22,000 support people behind them (civilian & military)

A General.... And behind the General.... The Commander and Chief

Deuteronomy 1:30

For The LORD your God, (The Commander and Chief) who goes before you, He will **fight for you**, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

Colossians 2:13-15 NIV

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities of evil, he made a **public spectacle** of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- 3 Before **the Cross**, where He hung and **died**.
- 3 Before **the Beatings**, where they **rejected** Him.
- 3 Before **the Arrest**, where they **mocked** Him.
- 3 And Before **the Birth** of Mary's little **Lamb**....

Before All Things - There was the Love of God throughout
Eternity.....

Waiting to displayed..... and it was for you and for me.

1 Corinthians 15:14

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

**He Rose Publicly for you,
Personally!**

Jeremiah 31:3b

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Hebrews 13:5 NIV

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Matthew 28:20

"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and **Behold**, (look around, take in and see) **I am with you always**, even to the end of the world."