

Peter's First Epistle

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CHAPTER 3:13-17

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"THE LORD JESUS CHRIST"

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 3:13-17

When I was Born...

My Birth Certificate didn't read, Pastor Jack or Husband Jack, or Father Jack or Flap Jack

When Jesus Was Born...

On Jesus' Birth Certificate, On the Census,
It didn't say Under Name;

"THE LORD JESUS CHRIST"

(I am sure Mary thought he was cute, And I am sure Joseph thought that too
First Name LORD, **Middle Name** JESUS, **Last Name** CHRIST

The Section Begins the Third and final
Division of 1st. Peter
He deals with "Enabling Grace"
in the midst of Suffering

He also will encourage us to

“Fear the Lord”

and that the “Fear of the Lord” is such a powerful benefit to our lives that it liberates us from the fear of man or the fear that arises from the world around us.

1.) The Lord of Lives

vv. 13-15

Verse 13a

*And who is he who will **harm** you (+)
if you become followers of what is good?*

The God of the Bible Promises New Life to It's Followers

Peter Speaks from Personal experience

John 18:8

Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore,
if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

“The Fear, or Awe of God,
Conquers the Fear of All”

Romans 8:1a

There is therefore now no condemnation
to those who are in Christ Jesus,

Romans 8:33-35,37

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ **Who is he** who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ **Who shall separate** us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷
Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors **through Him who loved us.**

THE RESULT FEARLESSNESS & VICTORY

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.**

Verse 13b

*become **followers** of what is good?*

Setting your affections on godly things

* **Followers** GRK 3402 mimetes (mim-ay-tace')
a mimic or an imitator: to mime

Colossians 3:1-2

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

Verse 14a

*:14 But even if you should **suffer for righteousness'** sake,
blessed are you.*

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Verse 14b

*"And do not be afraid of their **threats**, nor be **troubled**"*

Quoting Isaiah 8:12

King Ahaz had signed an Alliance treating with Assyria for PROTECTION and ASSURANCE against the fear of destruction - Isaiah rebukes him!

Peter wants us to think ourselves into the situation - A REAL
HOLYLAND TOUR

((((BE DRESSED FOR THE OUTING)))

John 15:18-20

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

JEREMIAH WAS AN EXPERT
IN OVERCOMING FEAR,

EVERY TIME, • ALL THE TIME, • FOR A LIFE TIME

Matthew 10:28

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

????? HOW IS IT DONE ?????

Verse 15a

*But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts,*

- * **Sanctify** GRK 37 **hagiazō** (hag-ee-ad'-zo);
to make separate from all others. To consecrate.
To turn every over to, COUGH IT UP - YIELD IT UP
- TO TURN OUR FOCUS & OUR CONCERNS ON HIM
to put them in his light

1 Peter 5:7

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**To relinquish, to give it over to.
Give control to another**

(LISA WILL GASP!... CAUSING ME TO PANIC...
SHE SHOULD RELINQUISH The Fear!)

WE NEED TO MAKE GOD BIGGER
IN OUR SITUATIONS

1a.) Receiving a New Heart

Ezekiel 11:19

"Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,

A Joy - A Peace - A Boldness

Philippians 4:7

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Verse 15b

*and always be ready to give a **defense**
to everyone who asks you,*

*always be (being) ready -
being in the mind set of state of mind, that an attack is eminent.
To be on post!*

* Defense **GRK 627 apologia (ap-ol-og-ee'-ah)**
to give answer to. To give a courtroom defense
for what you believe

Do you know what you claim to believe ?

- 1. Does the Bible teach that God is 3 or 1?*
- 2. Why do good people suffer wrong?*
- 3. How does a person get to heaven?*
- 4. How can God just forgive and forget or sins?*

Ignorance
in the lives of the believer's witness,
is the number one reason why people devalue the
gospel message

- * Asks GRK 154 aiteo (ahee-teh'-o)
crave, desire, require.

The Christian is a person who has a preoccupation with wanting others to know Jesus... If you are not telling others yourself, at the very least you should be supporting those who do tell others...

BUT FEAR WILL PUSH US TO PANIC

(gray whale & killer whales)

Did you Christian that;
1/3 of your Bible is prophecy and of the 80% that is now
historic, 100% of it was literally accurate?

- the Tibetan book of the dead has 0 prophecy
 - the writings of Confucius has 0 prophecy
 - Buddha's writings 0 %
 - the Muslim Koran has no prophecy - 0%
 - the book of Mormon, absolutely 0% prophecy
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Did you Christian that;
100% of your Bible has been proven by scientific evaluation to
be archeological correct as with all other forms of science
referred to in scripture?

“PRAISE-A-LUYAH”

“HOW TO BECOME FEARLESS”
adopt a verse each week...

APPLY THE R.W.P.W. METHOD

#1 **Read** it twice a day #2 **Write** it twice a day for a week
#3 **Pray** it into your head #4 **Watch** it arise, an Opportunity to Use it

Verse 15c

*a **reason** for the hope that is in you,
with **meekness** and **fear**;*

They'll Ask..... "Why Do You Have Hope?"

They have to see it first
before they can ask about it

Verse 15d

- * **Reason** **GRK 3056 logos (log'-os);**
intelligence's, to be well acquainted with the facts, truth.
A Divine Expression

- * **Meekness** **GRK 4240 prautes (prah-oo'-tace)**
a humble, mildness, being careful to out do another to win

2.) The Lord of Our Conscience

vv. 16-17

Verse 16a

*having a good **conscience**,*

2b.) Renewing an Old Mind

A new heart we were given by God,
but our minds need renewing

Having an external witness to those around us
Coupled with an internal boldness

You will be an invincible
witness for Jesus

To be renewing the mind takes a new
heart

“This Old House” with Bob Vella

Well bob, today we're going to take this 100 year old house and replace the termite eaten wood with some brand new cedar. We're going to replace all the rotten plumbing with all new, state of the composites. Clean up the windows, strip and repaint the doors, put on a roof and replace every light bulb in the house

This Old House with Jesus the Carpenter

Hail Bob, I'm Jesus and Your plumbing stinks, so am going to fix that up here right away. Your roof is leaky, I'll patch it up in a moment. Your windows, you can't see a thing through them. I'll clean em'. I'll strip and repaint your doors and replace every broken light bulb in the house and make it a home....

I'm really good at all this, in fact, I'm the best. But it's going take some time, a lifetime in some areas, and there's another thing. Every house I do, I first have to move inside with you, I need access to every room at all times

And Bob, - I like to work from the inside out,
- if you don't mind ?

Ezekiel 36:26

"Yep Bob, *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

O' Remember this Bob, the weather's going to change as the season do, don't worry because Sometimes it's gonna rain and sometimes it's gonna snow. The summers might get long, hot and dry... but the house can handle it, cuz I built it and I know every inch of it - I live here too

Ezekiel 36:27

"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Verse 16b

*that when they **defame** you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.*

Isaiah 5:20a

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil

Paul Warned Us;

1 Timothy 4:1-2 NIV

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

“A Good Conscience leads to Good Conduct”

What is a Conscience?

It's a little green cricket that sits on your shoulder
and goes by the name "Jiminy"

“I'm to tell you right from wrong”

One Old Farmer Has Said;

“The Conscience Is Like A Window That Is To Let In Truth. The Dirtier The Window Gets, The Harder It Is To See Out Of”

A GOOD AND HEALTHY CONSCIENCE PRODUCES...

BOLDNESS:

Acts 23:1

Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

INFLUENCE:

Acts 18:4

And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

CONVICTION:

Acts 6:9

Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Do You Have That Boldness? and Assurance? For the TRUTH

We Have for Sports, For Cars, For Labels and Brand Names

But what happens when your cricket dies?

- a.) You begin to justify yourself and your actions - defensive & critical
- b.) Your emotional and caring senses towards others, fade away - isolation
- c.) You become possessed with self - cover up
- d.) You become “numb or open” to whatever is new and different

1 Timothy 4:2

speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

Verse 17

*For it is better, **if it is the will of God**, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

We Need to Learn “HOW TO” suffer

But ~ “HOW TO”

There are 6 things to remember when suffering comes
(WE NEED A FLASH CARD)

1.) It's Needed:

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

2.) It's Honorable:

Acts 5:41

So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

3.) It's Purposeful:

Galatians 3:4

Have you suffered so many things in vain-- if indeed it was in vain?

4.) It's Christ-like:

Hebrews 5:8

though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

5.) It's Temporary:

1 Peter 5:10

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

6.) It's Nothing:

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The Christian's Time to Take a Stand, is Now!!!

**THIS IS THE BEST THE WORLD WILL EVER BE...
UNTIL JESUS RETURNS!**

2 Timothy 3:12-14a

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

AND SUFFERING, IS INSEPARABLE...

Revelation 5:6a

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,

Friend,
Jesus Knows All That You're Going Through

Revelation 1:13a

and in the midst of the seven golden lampstands there was One like the Son of Man,

AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

What was it like in the days of Noah
see Noah's day in gen 6 homosexuals, violence,

AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF LOT,

Homosexuals, violence,

Regarding his second coming (not the rapture) it would be like then

Romans 8:33-35,38-39

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.