

First Baptist Church | Poinciana

Church Wide Study | 1 Peter

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Session 3 | “A New You” | 1 Peter 2:1-10

Review:

1. We are called to live _____ lives. (1 Peter 1:15-16)
2. Holiness does not mean _____, it means that we are to be _____ for and to God.
3. Our salvation is not _____. What God does is done!
Our salvation is _____. Through the “living and enduring word of God” (1:23)
4. **Scripture Recitation / Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 1:15-16 (stand)
But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy. 1 Peter 1:15-16

1. The Pursuit of Holiness | 1 Peter 2:1-2

Our pursuit of holiness requires each of us to take inventory of our lives and pray the prayer found in Psalms 139:23-24.

- Asking God to _____ us and reveal areas where we need to repent is vital to our growth as followers of Christ.
- Chapter 2 starts out with an instructive command for those seeking to live a holy life before God. 1 Peter 2:1
 - We must _____: (get rid of; lay aside) all _____
 - *Malice* is the Greek word for evil and is used 11 times in the NT to indicate the type of wickedness that comes from within a person.
(Titus 3:3, Romans 1:29, Ephesians 4:31)
 - Going on to mention other sin: the word **all** – is visualized before each
 - Deceit – misleading, not the whole truth. “white lies”
 - Hypocrisy – “churchy at church & worldly at home”
 - Envy - “I want what they have, I deserve it!”
 - Slander – akin to gossip, speaking negatively about others
 - These actions belong to the _____ of sin, but they lead to death. (i.e. separation from fellowship with God.)

Relationship is Secure – in our salvation, nothing breaks the relationship
Fellowship with God is broken by sin that is unrepentant in our life.

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We are called to live a holy life, in pursuit of God and becoming more transformed and conformed to the mind and likeness of Christ. (Phil. 2:5)

2. Hunger for the Word | 1 Peter 2:2-3

- Spiritual _____ is always marked by a growing desire for God’s Word (just as a baby craves milk)
- One of the evidences of spiritual life is the hunger for _____ food, the Word of God (Hebrews 5:13-14)
- However, we must not remain _____ in Christ. We are meant to grow daily: Growing people _____ (core value)
 - This is so – we – may grow into our salvation. Growth is an expectation of all that believe in Christ for salvation.
- When we “taste that the Lord is good” (vs3) (Psalm 34:8) and begin to fill our lives with the pure food from God’s Word we will want to put away the OLD sins of the flesh - (vs1)
 - Malice
 - Deceit
 - Hypocrisy
 - Envy
 - Slander

Then we will be in pursuit of a life set apart (holiness) and have an appetite for God’s truth – found in the Word of God – **The Bible**.

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3. The Truth About Stones: (1 Peter 2:4-8)

One of the greatest theological errors is the teaching that the church was built on Peter and his ministry. Here are observational reasons:

1. God's Holy Church cannot be built on a sinful man
2. Though the name Peter means "rock" - Jesus did NOT say that He would build the church on Peter (Matthew 16:13-20). The focus of this is that Peter recognized WHO Jesus was and is...and on "THIS rock" (recognition) I will build my church.
3. What is the "THIS" that is the foundation of the church that Jesus will build? Is it Peter? No. If it were Peter – Jesus would have said, "on you I will build my church"

- ➔ Technically – though Peter means 'rock' it is different in meaning to "the Rock"
- ➔ Original Greek the word translated as Peter is (Petros) but the word ROCK is (Petrica) and is not identical.

An example (crude example) would be You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church – is like saying *You are Matthew and on the mat I will wipe my feet.*

- ➔ Names and meanings are significant : John the Baptist was given a name by an angel that means "Yahweh is Gracious"
- ➔ It does not imply that John himself is Yahweh, but rather that his life should declare the grace of Yahweh.
- ➔ Likewise – Peter's life should declare the "rock" which is not himself – but the exalted Messiah Jesus Christ.
- ➔ If you are looking for scripture to support this teaching:
See 1 Cor. 3:9-11.

Pastor Wayne – why is this so important?

- Because if we do not know who our _____ truly is the building will crumble. (It is the church built on the cornerstone of Christ)
- A church built on an unknown foundation has _____ already.
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 – For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which **IS** Jesus Christ.
- Additionally – Peter never once claims to be the Rock, But points to Christ as the Stone. (1 Peter 2:4)

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3. The Truth About Stones: (1 Peter 2:4-8) Continued.

- God is building a house | Beginning with the Cornerstone of Christ
- Believers are living stones built on the Living Stone.
- We must be _____ in our firm foundation / Living Stone which is Jesus Christ, and Him alone.
- Outline of the stones:
 - Believers are living stones built on the Living Stone (Christ)
 - Comprising a spiritual temple of God's Glory (Eph. 2:19-22)
 - We are also priests in this temple, offering up spiritual sacrifices through Christ (Hebrews 13:15-16)
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- Christ, the Stone, is rejected by men (vs 4 & 7) but whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed. (I am not ashamed of the gospel...Romans 1:16)
- Unbelievers stumble over this Stone and will one day be crushed by it; but to those that believe and make Christ their foundation, and call on Him for salvation – to those – Christ Jesus is a ::precious stone::
- You have ONLY two choices with Jesus: accept Him or reject Him.
 - ➔ For those that (vs 6-8) reject Christ, He is the Stone that will be stumbled over; they will trip over Him right into judgment.
 - ➔ When you sin against God, and reject His gift of Salvation (Rom.6:23) then we are *destined* to the judgment of God (by your own choice)

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4. We Are Heavenly Citizens | 1 Peter 2:9-10

- Believers are a _____ (vs9)
- Jesus brought spiritual life to believers from every ethnic group. All physical or cultural distinctions are subservient to this greater calling and category: **WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD** – above all else.
- We are called to proclaim the _____ of the One who called us out of darkness into marvelous light.
- Jesus brings us into unity (vs10) you belong to a family in Christ.
- Now those that believe are God’s People

NOW THE BEST NEWS -

We were once at a point in our lives where we had not experienced the mercy of God. (before we followed Romans 10:9,13)

Now we have received _____. (vs10)

Commitment Time:

Today, I need to accept the gift of salvation that is freely offered to me through faith in Christ Jesus.

I resolve to live my life in pursuit of holiness before God

I rededicate my life wholly before God.

MEMORY VERSE:

Therefore rid yourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. 1 Peter 2:1

Previous Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:3 | 1 Peter 1:15-16