

December 27, 2020
Christ Chapel Of Bandera
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Not needed to follow this writing/lesson is a referenced Study Guide. An attempt has been made where anybody with a Bible will find easy reading.

Sunday, December 27, 2020. The Gospel Project; Adult Daily Discipleship Guide ESV; Volume 10, Number 2; Winter 2020-21; Showing Christ in Times of Trials.

Quote from C. S. Lewis:

God whispers to us in our pleasure, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

Opening Prayer:

In class: Ask an attendee to open with a word of prayer.

On WEB site: This sinful world can wear us down Oh Lord. Please be our strength. For when our strength is the One True Almighty God, our future looks bright. We may face trials and troubles; loss and failures; but through Jesus Christ we will never lose You, the Only True Consistent Honest Solid Anchor. Help us to know that all things work toward Your eternal plan in which we can trust. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Disclaimer:

I am not seminary trained. Other than being a Christian, I do not claim any special relationship with God. Therefore, feel free to disagree with anything and everything I write/say.

The Lesson:

Using the Bible translation of your choice, read I Peter Chapter 1.

Questions for thought:

Why was the letter written to “those who reside as aliens?”

What is meant by “who are chosen?”

Chosen according to what? (God the Father, vs 2)

Chosen by the work of whom? (The Spirit, vs 2)

Chosen to obey whom? (Jesus Christ, vs 2)

What does it mean sprinkled with the blood of Jesus?

Was I Peter written to believers or non-believers, Christians or non-Christians?

Does I Peter have relevance in today’s world?

The great mercy available through Jesus Christ has caused those who respond to be what? (Born again, vs 3)

Christians have a living hope through what? The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Continued questions for thought:

Through Jesus, Christians can look forward to an inheritance that is what? (Imperishable, undefiled, will not fade away, reserved in heaven, vs 4)

Christians are protected by the power of God through what? (Faith, vs 5)

For what are Christians protected by the power of God? (Salvation, vs 5)

The Study Guide on page 39, the first complete paragraph after the Bible Quote says:

The resurrection of Jesus is not just a noteworthy historic event – it is the “why” for the believer’s hope. Jesus’ resurrection assures us of God’s great mercy to save sinners, which is why Jesus died in the first place. Furthermore, God secures the believer with a living hope – a sure hope for resurrection and eternal life – in the midst of any circumstance that would try to breed hopelessness. Because our living Savior King reigns forever, God’s people can be happy and steady.

Questions for thought:

Why can Christians rejoice even through trials? (Faith in Jesus is more precious than gold, vs 7)

Why is Christian faith more precious than gold? (The outcome of faith in Jesus is the salvation of Christian souls, vs 9)

Was the coming grace available through Jesus foretold in the Old Testament and if so by whom? (Prophets, vs 10-11)

It was revealed to the prophets of the Old Testament, who were serving what people? (People who had the Gospel of Jesus Christ available, vs 12)

Through whom is the Gospel of Jesus told? (Holy Spirit, vs 12)

What is meant by the “revelation of Jesus Christ” in vs 13?

Could it be the point at which any individual accepts the mercy and grace available through Jesus Christ?

Therefore, should people who have accepted Christ just sit back and relax, secure in salvation, or prepare their minds for action? (vs 13)

Should Christians fix some or all of their hope on Jesus? (vs 13)

Before accepting Christ, Christians committed sins in what condition? (Ignorance, vs 14)

According to Peter, who else acted against Jesus in ignorance? (Acts 3:17 Fellow Israelites and their rulers; those who crucified Christ.)

After accepting Christ, Christians commit sins in what condition?

Could it be defiance?

Why should Christians be “holy?” (vs 16)

Why should Christians conduct themselves “in fear” during their time on earth? (God judges impartially according to each one’s work, vs 17)

What does “according to each one’s work” mean? Salvation through works?

With what are Christians redeemed? (Blood of Christ, vs 14)

According to I Peter 1:20, when was Christ foreknown? (Before the foundation of the world)

Continued questions for thought:

Where else in the Bible is the wording “before the foundation of the world” used? (Eph 1:4)

Who wrote the book of Ephesians? (Paul, Eph 1:1)

Therefore, did two different writers of Epistles use the exact same wording to describe when the plan of Jesus Christ was formed in God’s mind?

In I Peter 1:20-21, Jesus Christ appeared for the sake of whom? (Believers)

According to vs 21, in whom should Christians have faith and hope? (God)

According to vs 22, Christians are to love whom? (One another)

Christians should love one another, why? (They have been born again through the living and enduring word of God, vs 23)

How long does the Word of the Lord endure? (Forever, vs 25)

Using the Bible translation of your choice, read I Peter Chapter 2.

Questions for thought:

Christians are to long for the pure milk of the word so that what? (By it you may grow in respect to salvation, vs 2)

Why is “salvation” so important? (It determines your eternity)

Why does I Peter 2:4 refer to believers as “living stones rejected by men?”

According to I Peter 2:4, what does God think of the living stones rejected by men?

In I Peter 2:5, what is the “spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ?”

According to I Peter 2:11, what do fleshly lusts wage war against? (The soul)

What is the importance of the soul?

According to I Peter 2:12, why should believers behave? (So that non-believers can observe Christian behavior and learn to glorify God themselves)

Why were Christians to submit themselves to every human institution? (For the Lord’s sake, I Pet 2:13; That by doing right Christians may “silence the ignorance of foolish men”, I Pet 2:15)

According to I Peter 2:16, Christians are to act as free men but do not use freedom as a what? (Covering for evil)

When believers do what is right and suffer for it, but patiently endure the suffering, what happens? (They find favor with God, I Pet 2:20)

Who is the example Christians are to follow? (Christ, I Pet 2:21)

We now have the opportunity to go next door and worship God with glad hearts through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for allowing me to worship the Lord with you today.

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