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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

Session 1

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“Title”

The church was entering an era of persecution when Peter wrote this letter. We today will be able to relate to this letter as we see the direction the world is going, and the increase of persecution towards those **“who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus”** (2 Timothy 3:12). As it did in his day, Peter’s letter offers us hope, calls us to holiness, and explains the role of suffering in the life of those who are **“elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.”** These themes make this letter vital for us today, as it will help us to be lights in this dark world. In Peter’s introduction, he contrasts our identity in relationship to this world versus our relationship to our heavenly Father. The difference between the two is both the source of our persecution, as well as the strength we need to endure it according to God’s purposes for us. As you face the trials of our times, let this letter encourage you to a renewed commitment to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, so that by word and by deed we might **“proclaim the praise of Him who called us out of darkness”** (2:9) to a world still lost in darkness. Will you make that commitment to Jesus for this year; to a new and greater work of His Spirit in sanctifying you unto a Living Hope?

Passage: 1 Peter 1:1-2 (NKJV)

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1

Peter calls those he writes to **“pilgrims.”** It’s a term that helps us to understand that this world is not our home. Do you relate to this world like you are a temporary traveler in it? What does Paul say in Philippians 3:20 about our true home and what our thoughts towards it should be while we are here on this earth?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:2

Another translation for pilgrims could be “strangers.” That’s what the world would call us; strange; foreign. But what does God call us in this verse? How can that help you as you face persecution from the world? Note how the Father, Son, and Spirit are all mentioned in this verse. How does that add to your answer?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:2

What “**work**” of God do we enter into as God’s “**elect**”? Look that word up in a concordance or even a dictionary. What does it tell you about the nature of that work?

Scripture: John 17:17; Hebrews 2:11

What is the main tool the Spirit uses for this sanctifying work in us, according to John? What precious truth does the writer of Hebrews give to those who are in this work of God? What does that mean to you?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:2, 14; Ephesians 2:1-3

What should this sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit produce in us if we are truly committed to it (look ahead to verse 14)? How does this contrast to what we once were before Jesus saved us according to Ephesians 2:1-3?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:2

The “**sprinkling of the blood**” speaks to Christ’s blood being applied to our lives. What has that blood done for us according to each passage below?

Romans 5:9 -

Ephesians 1:7 –

Ephesians 2:13 -

Colossians 1:20 –

Personal Application:

Meditate on 1 John 2:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:20 in answering the following for application purposes.
How should the idea that we are “pilgrims” in this world change our priorities; our focus in life? How should the knowledge of our true home affect how and what we relate to the citizens of this world that we are pilgrims in?

Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 3:20