



Acts to Revelation

Bible Course

Lesson 62

Name: _____

Read 1 Peter 4

Peter continues this theme of suffering (remember that chapter numbers are not inspired...they were put there for reference).

1. Christ has _____ for every believer. Being part of Christ's body, they must expect to suffer likewise and therefore should _____ themselves knowing that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). When the suffering of this present time is complete, then they will have ceased from sin. Peter is writing to the _____ telling them that they should not follow the _____ of men, doing what the Gentiles do, walking in lasciviousness, _____, excess of wine, revellings, _____, and abominable idolatries. *'Lasciviousness' means being sexually lustful.* These sinners will think it strange that you don't run with them, and because you don't follow, they will _____. Peter reminds us, as Paul did so many times, that we must all give _____ to God who will judge the living and the dead. However, the gospel for this reason is preached unto the _____ ... that the dead might hear the voice of the Son of God and live.
2. Because the end is coming soon, we must be _____ and _____ unto prayer, and have _____ charity among the Church because charity does what? _____.
'Fervent' means great warmth or intensity of spirit.
3. While writing about suffering, Peter remembers the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 25:35: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in." For this reason, Peter writes to offer _____ without grudging. Give an example of how this could happen. _____

When a person becomes a servant to another, the Bible says, “even so _____ the same one to another.” This is not only referring to the physical needs but also the spiritual, speaking as the _____ of God. Only let it be done for the _____ of God.

4. Peter now comes back to suffering as he speaks of persecution. Some will have a _____ trial to go through. Peter reminds believers that this makes them _____ of Christ’s sufferings. When, by faith, a child of God experiences this, he can be _____ with exceeding joy. This reproach for Christ’s name’s sake is also part of the Sermon on the Mount that Peter would likely have heard. Those that reproach a child of God will speak evil of him/her. The word used in the original is ‘to blaspheme’.
5. Peter now gives a strong warning to the Church. He emphasizes that a Christian should not suffer because he/she is a _____, a thief, an evildoer, etc. because then they are suffering due to their own rebellion. If he suffers for being a Christian, he should not be _____. Judgment begins where? _____. If it begins here, where will the _____ and sinner appear? They will have a much worse situation. Every person who suffers for Christ, should count it as a good thing because it is God’s _____, and commit the keeping of their souls to their faithful _____.

Read 1 Peter 5

Peter’s final words of 1 Peter are given mainly to the elders of the Church but are practical thoughts that speak to the whole Church.

6. First, he exhorts elders to _____ the flock since they have the _____ of them. They have been given the leadership; however, they should never lead in a dictatorial way (not by _____, but willingly). The elders should not take leadership for the love of money (filthy _____). They are not _____ over God’s heritage, but they are to be ensamples to the _____. These elders should not look for a man-made crown, but rather when the chief _____ shall appear, they should look for another type of crown, one that _____ not away.

7. The younger are exhorted to _____ to the elder, but all should be _____ one to another.
8. What type of clothing is a Christian to be clothed with? _____. Peter gives a reason similar to one of the proverbs of Solomon...God _____ the proud, and giveth grace to the _____. Peter admonishes Christians to humble themselves under the mighty _____ of God, that they might be _____ in due time. This may not be on earth, but after death, in heaven.
9. Because God _____ for his own, and we cannot carry these burdens ourselves, we need to learn by grace to cast them upon Jesus, the great Burden-Bearer.
10. People may look upon God's children as too _____ and vigilant, but they must be. The devil like a _____ goes about seeking whom he may devour. Much of the suffering of God's children comes via the hands of Satan (see Job). However, after suffering for a while, Jesus makes His children _____, establishes, _____, and settles them. To Him (Christ) be all the glory forever!
11. Peter closes his letter by mentioning the name of _____, a faithful brother, and even send a salutation from the church in _____. In the capital of the Persian empire where Islam reigns today, God had and still has His Church.
12. Peter also calls _____ his son. We are to greet each believer with a _____ of charity.
13. Peter ends with a benediction: _____ be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.



Evaluator _____

'Humbling Ourselves Under God's Mighty Hand'
by Philip Doddridge

Beneath Thy mighty hand, O God,
Our souls we prostrate low;
Shine forth with gentle radiant beams,
That we Thy name may know.
Thy hand this various frame produced,
And still supports it well;
That hand with justice and with ease,
Might smite our souls to hell.
Conscious of meanness and of guilt,
We in the dust would lie;
Stretch forth Thy condescending arm,
And lift the humble high.
So in the temples of Thy grace
We'll sovereign mercy own;
And when we shine above the stars,
Extol Thy grace alone.
The more Thou raise such sinful dust,
The lower would it fall;
For less than nothing, Lord, are we,
And Thou art all in all.

Taken from 'Worthy is the Lamb'