



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

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 live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution". 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, revelings, _____, and abominable idolatries. These sinners will think it strange that you don't run with them, and because you don't follow they will _____. '*lasciviousness*' means being sexual lustful. 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, have _____ charity among the Church because charity does what? _____
'*Fervent*' means- great warmth or intensity of spirit. v.9
3. While writing about suffering, Peter remembers the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 25:35, "I was ahungered, 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 how this could happen.

_____. When a person becomes a servant to another, the Bible says, “even so _____ the same one to another. This not only is 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 sake is also part of the sermon-on-the-mountain 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 _____, thief, evil doer 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 I Peter 5

Peter’s final words of I 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, but 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 _____, and 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 salutes 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 Might Hand

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.

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