



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 60

Name: _____

Read I Peter 2

- a. **Desire the milk of God's Word:** Peter compares the Church to a newborn. What do they desire more than anything? _____ ... so those who are born again (newly) desire the sincere milk of the _____. Now reading the Bible gives growth by the Holy Spirit. With new eyes, they see things as they have never seen them...the awfulness of sin, the beauty of Christ, etc. As a baby tastes the milk and wants more, so a child of God who has tasted the good word of God desires more. He has also tasted that the Lord is _____.
2. Peter's next illustration is one of who Christ is: He is a _____ stone. Pick up any stone. Is it alive? Jesus, the Rock of Ages is alive, rejected or _____ of men but chosen of God and precious. This Stone and His work is the foundation of life and holiness.
3. While Christ is the Living Stone, His children are called _____ stones. Dead as they are in themselves, they are made alive in Him. With all these lively stones, God makes a living temple or a _____ house. Before, in this temple were priests sacrificing, but now this _____ priesthood offers _____ sacrifices acceptable to God by the One Sacrifice, Jesus Christ.
4. Peter then takes us back to Isaiah 28, where the prophet speaks of the coming of this Lord Jesus to Zion as the chief _____. He is chosen or _____ of God and precious. His work is the foundation of the Church. He that believeth on Him will never be confounded. 'Confounded' refers to being surprised or confused.
5. His Church can think of nothing more _____ (v.7) than Christ, but there are builders who will not have this Stone in their building. However, Jesus is not

affected by this. He is _____ by the builders (they don't think they need this stone in their building). However, He becomes the _____ of the corner (foundation). Yet for the unbelievers, Christ is a stone of _____ and a rock of _____. Unbelievers stumble at the _____, namely the Word of God. You can stumble on this Stone, but it does not hurt the Stone. E.g. The Jews who stumbled and cried, "Away with Him, Crucify Him" did not cause the defeat of this Stone!

6. Peter now turns to the living Church and says of them, "But ye are a chosen _____, a royal _____, a peculiar people..." They were chosen in Him to show forth the _____ of Him who called from darkness into His _____ light. They were "children of wrath" (Baptism form) before, but now have obtained _____.
7. The living Church must strive for a right relationship with man:

- a. **Believers' conversation and works are to glorify God and possibly be used of God to draw others to Him.** Like Paul in Hebrews, so Peter here calls the Church, strangers and _____. Peter brings back his theme of holiness and says, they must abstain from fleshly lust which _____ against the soul. In practical daily life, those that are outside the church will be watching. Our conversation (words and deeds) needs to be _____, even when they speak against you as evil doers, they may see your good _____ and glorify God.

In Peter's day the Roman Senate was composed of almost entirely of theoretical or practical atheists, believing neither in providence nor in a future state. (Heaven or hell)

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- b. **Believers are to submit (loyalty, reverence, obedience) to our government as long as it does not violate our Christian convictions.** We are to submit to every ordinance of man for the _____ sake. List the titles of people Peter specifically mentions: _____. These people are sent by God for the _____ of evildoers and the _____ of them that do well. God's purpose in doing well is not for the _____ praise _____ of _____ men _____ but _____ to _____.

_____ Peter warns that the freedom or [Christian] liberty of the servants of God is not for a cloak of maliciousness. What does this mean? _____

_____. All people (v. 17) are created in God's image, therefore we are to _____ them, _____ the brotherhood (Christians who are brothers and sister by a new birth), _____ God, and _____ the king (Keep in mind that there were no kings in Peter's day who feared the Lord or even outwardly professed Christianity).

- c. **Believers are called to submit to authority.** Peter now gives a word to servants (some of them really more like slaves...we also use the example today of employees where their master is the employer) and give them the following advice and direction: Be _____ to your own masters with all fear. We are not only to obey good and _____ masters, but also those that are mean. One may have to suffer _____ by them. Peter calls this thankworthy meaning that we are to do good to our masters without expecting favor back. If a master _____ or hits us for something we did wrong, we should take it _____... this is _____ with God.

This section is particularly written to believers, but we know from God's Word (think of the 10 commandments), that all people are required to have honest conversation and to submit to authority. Only those who do this in true faith by the working of the Holy Spirit will be able to do this with the right heart motivation, but no one is excused.

8. Christ also became a servant (Philippians 2:7) and suffered for His Church leaving us an _____ that we should follow His _____ --- even when they lead through buffeting ways. Peter now expands on this wondrous Example and Substitute:

- i. Jesus did no _____, and there was never _____ in His mouth.

Peter gives the only hope of a sanctified (holy) life. His Church is black but comely in Him. They cannot suffer for his sake patiently, but draws strength from his patient suffering.

- ii. When he was reviled, what did Jesus do?
 _____, when he suffered, what
 did he not do? _____ If someone hurts us verbally or
 physically, what is our typical response? _____
- iii. Jesus committed himself to God the Father “who judgeth
 _____”.
- iv. Jesus as the great Substitute took the sins of His Church upon the
 _____ (cross made of wood) that His Church would be
 _____ to sin (meaning sin would not reign in their hearts) and
 live unto _____. Then all the beatings of their enemies are
 healed in the _____ of Christ (Jesus beatings which caused
 lines of blood to go down His back.)
- v. Jesus’ people are like sheep going _____, but the Father calls
 them by his powerful love and Spirit to return them to Christ, here called the
 _____ and _____ (minister) of our souls.

Evaluator_____

Drink and Live

Not to Sinai’s dreadful blaze,
 But to Zion’s throne of grace,
 By a way marked out with blood,
 Sinners now approach to God.

Not to hear the fiery law,
 But with humble joy to draw
 Water, by that well supplied,
 Jesus opened when He died.

Lord, there are no streams but Thine,
 Can assuage a thirst like mine;
 Tis a thirst Thyself didst give,
 Let me, therefore, drink and live.

The Works of the John Newton.

Newton, John

Edinburgh: Thomas Nelson, 1841, p. 632

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