

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

Petros

Part Thirteen

Study Questions

1). 1Pe 3:14 *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.*”

a). What can we know about suffering from the opening words of our verse?

b). Ro 8:17 ¶ *and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

c). What can we know about suffering from this verse in Romans?

d). As our verse in Peter tells us that it is possible for us to suffer but it is not probable and then our Romans verse tells us that we can only be a joint heir with Christ if we suffer with Him – how can we reconcile these two?

2). 1Pe 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

a). Rather than being fearful of those who would spitefully abuse us, what is the first thing that our scripture tells us to do?

b). What would it mean to sanctify the Lord God in our heart?

c). What scriptures do we have to help with this?

d). Within the context of our 1 Peter letter what would those who had sanctified the Lord in their heart look like?

e). Having sanctified the Lord in our heart what are we then to do?

f). What does the word translated 'defense' mean?

g). What would be the content of this defense?

h). How is this defense to be given?

i). Why do you think this is?

3). 1Pe 3:16 ¶ *having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.*

a). What are we to have as well as meekness and fear?

b). What would it mean to have a good conscience in this context?

c) Who are the 'they' who would defame us as evildoers?

d). What are they defaming and reviling?

e). What will be the outcome for those who do this and when do you think this will happen?

4). 1Pe 3:17 *For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

a). What does this verse remind us of from Chapter 2?

b). What scriptural example do we have of these opposing reasons to suffer being placed side by side?

5). 1Pe 3:18 ¶ *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,*

a). We know that there is blessing for suffering for righteousness sake – how can we see this with regards to our scripture here?

b). In what way is Christ blessed because of suffering for righteousness sake?

c). What does it mean that Christ was put to death in the flesh?

d). Mr 15:34 *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

e). Where is the famous phrase at the end of our verse taken from?

f). Taking all of this into consideration what would it add to Christ being put to death in the flesh?

g). Ps 22:20 *Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.*

h). What does the end of v21 refer to?

- i). What scripture in John's gospel could we go to, in order to connect these?
- j). What does it mean that Christ was made alive by the Spirit?

6). 1Pe 3:19 *by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah,*

- a). In what kind of body did Christ go to preach to the spirits in prison?
- b). Who are these spirits and how would we know?
- c). What scripture provides commentary on this to tell us where the prison is?
- d). When were these fallen angels formerly disobedient?
- e). Where do we find reference to this disobedience in the Book of Genesis?
- f). How are these angels described in Genesis?
- g). How do we know we are dealing with angels here in Genesis also?
- h). What does the scripture record that they did?
- i). Jude 1:6 *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*
- j). What does Jude tell us about these angels and what is the result of their action?

k). Why do you think God is really unhappy about this?

7). Ge 3:15 *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

a). If we go back to Genesis Chapter 3, what promise does God make to the serpent and what does this mean?

8). Are there any final thoughts and comments?