

Sunday October 3rd 2010

Petros

Part Sixteen

Study Questions

1). 1Pe 3:21 ¶ *There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*

a). Explain how baptism now saves us.

b). How and why was Christ resurrected and what was the result of this?

2). 1Pe 4:1 ¶ *Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind,*

a). Where does the word, 'therefore' take us back to?

b). What does it mean that Christ suffered in the flesh?

c). What does 'arm yourselves also with the same mind' mean?

d). Why would this be a part of our spiritual warfare?

e). Why would we understand our suffering in the flesh to be a twofold process?

f). What are the two things meant by ‘in the flesh’? How do we know which is which?

3). 1Pe 4:1 ¶ *Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,*

a). Why does suffering in the flesh show that we have ‘ceased from sin’ and what does it mean to have ceased?

4). 1Pe 4:2 *that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.*

a). What has being released from sin made possible?

b). When did our release from sin come about?

c). Has this become a reality for you and if so how did this happen?

5). 1Pe 4:3 *For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles*

a). What does this scripture teach us about our past sinful life?

b). What was the reaction to Peter’s readers by those who formerly ran with them in a flood of dissipation?

c). Has this also been your experience at any level?

d). How has our focus now changed?

e). According to the scriptures what is God ready to do that will impact those who have been released from sin and those who haven't?

6). 1Pe 4:6 *For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*

a). Who are the dead in v6?

b). For what reason was the gospel preached to them?

c). What does it mean that they might be judged according to men in the flesh?

d). What does it mean that they would live according to God in the spirit?

7). 1Pe 4:7 ¶ *But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

a). What is at hand?

b). How should we understand this?

c). What are we exhorted to do because of this?

d). What would it mean to be serious and watchful in your prayers?

8). 1Pe 4:8 *And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."*

- a). What is to be above all in importance as we pray?
- b). What can be the result of this?
- c). What kind of love are we talking about and how would we have access to it?
- d). What scriptures out of 1 + 2 Peter can we look at to help us with this?
- e). Where do we find our phrase about covering a multitude of sins in both the Old and the New Testaments?
- f). In what context do we find our phrase in Proverbs?
- g). What is the context for it in James?
- h). How does James's use of Elijah as an example help us to understand what is going on in the scripture?
- i). From God's perspective what commendation is given to the one who intercedes for his brother in this way?
- j). How are saving a soul from death and having agape/love connected to each other?
- k). So what does it mean to 'cover a multitude of sins'?
- l). How are you progressing in the process to agape/love?
- m). What are you doing towards this process?

