

Sunday July 18th 2010
Petros
Part Five – Study Questions

1). 1Pe 1:13 ¶ *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

- a). Would should we know from the use of the word ‘therefore’ at the beginning of v13?
- b). What has been presented to us previously in 1 Peter that we need to take note of that the word ‘therefore’ points us to?
- c). V13 continues with, ‘gird up the loins of your mind’ – what imagery is the Holy Spirit drawing from here?
- d). What would be the purpose of girding up the loins in the natural?
- e). Where do we find an excellent example of this?
- f). Why would the example of Israel be a good example to draw from for ourselves?
- g). So what does it mean ‘to gird up the loins of our mind’?
- h). What scripture could we use to help in our understanding of this?
- i). What verb tense is the word translated ‘gird up’ written in?
- j). What does this tell us? And what does this say to you personally?

2). What does it mean to 'be sober'?

a). What other scriptures do we find this word used in and how do they help us understand what it looks like to be sober?

b). Is this a word you would readily use to describe yourself? And what might stand in the way of our sobriety?

3). We are told to 'rest our hope fully on the grace that is to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ'

a). What is our hope in a general sense and in a personal sense?

b). Is our hope vague and insubstantial like wondering about tomorrow's weather?

c). Then why is it still called hope? And what scripture do we have for this?

d). What do you think it would mean to 'rest your hope fully on...'?

e). What do we know about the grace that is to be brought to us?

f). What does this say to you?

4). 1Pe 1:14 *as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

a). What does the phrase ‘as obedient children’ teach us with respect to our relationship with God? And where do we find a perfect example of this?

b). What does v14 tell us we are not to do?

c). What would it look like for us to conform ourselves to the former lusts?

d). How should we understand the word ‘lust’?

e). How has this word changed in meaning over the years and what danger could there be for us in this?

f). Instead of being conformed to the former lusts, what are we to do?

g). What does it mean to be holy? And what would this look like in our everyday lives?

h). Why does our scripture say that we should be holy?

5). *1Pe 1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

a). The word ‘if’ is often used to show that what is being written about is conditional. Why is that not the case here?

b). What does the word translated ‘without partiality’ literally mean?

- c). Do you see in this the goodness or the severity of God?
- d). What scripture do we have that shows God sees differently to the way man sees?
- e). What would it mean to conduct ourselves during the time of our stay here in fear?
- f). What is the self evident truth in v18 that would encourage the fear that the Lord is looking for?
- g). How are you doing with regards to this fear?
- h). What has brought about our redemption?
- i). *the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot* – What does the content of this line of scripture say to you?
- j). What is the precious blood of Christ compared to and what is the point of this comparison?
- k). What is it, according to our scripture, that we have been redeemed from?
- l). What do we understand the word ‘aimless’ to mean?
- m). What is the process by which this aimless conduct has come into our lives?
- n). What examples of this aimless conduct can you recognize from your own life?

o). How might this also relate to our previous 'church' life and what do you think could be the danger in this?

p). So what does it mean for us that we have been redeemed from this aimless conduct?

q). Finally, what for you is the most significant thing to take away from today's study?