

Bethel Bible Series

1 Peter NT Study 17

God's Will will be done. The question is whether you will be part of it. - PK

Welcome

Opening - How can the guidance Paul gave to Timothy apply to us regular Christians?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus

Pastoral Letters

White Staff and Stole = Paul gives counsel to a shepherd of the flock
Written after Paul's first imprisonment to young pastors Timothy and Titus
1 Timothy - From Macedonia to help Timothy guide the church in Ephesus
2 Timothy - From Rome to encourage Timothy to hold strong to the gospel
Titus - Written from Macedonia to guide Titus in what to teach in Crete

Paul After The Book of Acts

After release from prison, Paul returned to the East, leaving Titus in Crete
Paul visited Ephesus, Philippi, Nicopolis, Miletus, Troas and Corinth (maybe Spain)
Paul was imprisoned, tried again in Rome and was executed under Nero

Timothy

Raised as a Christian by mother Eunice and grandmother Lois
Treated as a son by Paul, Ordained by elders and by Paul
Paul's Second Journey - Joined Paul, Helped in Berea and Thessalonica after Paul kicked out
Paul's Third Journey - Sent ahead to Macedonia and Corinth by Paul to prepare and report
Rome and Beyond - With Paul during first imprisonment in Rome, Later left in Ephesus to pastor

Titus

An uncircumcised Greek
Paul's Second Journey - With Paul in Jerusalem
Paul's Third Journey - Brought update on Corinth to Paul in Macedonia, Delivered 2nd Cor. letter
After Rome with Paul - Titus left in Crete to form church, met Paul in Nicopolis, went to Dalmatia
Paul's Letter to Titus - Choose leadership carefully, Silence False Teachers, How Christians Live

First Timothy

Folded Hands = Build upon the foundations of prayer and worship
Paul asked that men everywhere pray on all occasions for all people
Burning Candle = Dispel the darkness by being a light
Be an example in life, love, faith and purity, gently instruct, lead to truth
Staff in Darkness = Combat false teaching
Guard what has been entrusted, Command men not to teach false doctrines
Neckband with Cross = Choose leadership carefully
Guidelines given for overseers (bishops) and deacons (elders)
Lad and Elderly Man = Respect the aged
Exhort older men as your father, treat older women as mothers, younger as brothers and sisters
Summary Verse
1 Timothy 4:6 = *If you point these things out, you will be a good minister*

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Second Timothy

Jeweled Chest = Rich treasures of God's grace are available in Christ

God's grace, the crown of righteousness, was given in Christ

Key 1 = Hold fast to the truth

Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, continue in what you've learned

Key 2 = Seek your strength in Christ

God didn't give timidity, but gave power, love and self-discipline, be strong

Key 3 = Endure your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ

Don't be ashamed to testify or suffer for the gospel, be a good soldier

Key 4 = Be single-minded

Soldiers avoid civilian affairs, flee evil desires, pursue righteousness

Key 5 = Be diligent

Athletes win by the rules, farmer should receive share of crops

Key 6 = Be patient

Be prepared in season and out of season ... with great patience

Key 7 = Entrust the message to the faithful

Entrust God's mystery to reliable men who will teach others

Summary Verse

2 Timothy 4:5 = sober mind, endure hardship, evangelize, fulfill ministry

Lesson - 1 Peter

What do we know about Peter, the man? = Add comments on board

John 1:40-42 = Name was Simon, Brought to Jesus by brother Andrew; Named Peter, Cephas (rock)

Matthew 16:15-19 = Son of Jonah, *You are Peter (rock) and on this rock (of faith) I will build my church*

Matthew 8:14-15 (1 Cor 9:5) = Married, Had mother-in-law, Wife's name was Concordia (tradition)

John 1:44 = From Bethsaida (north bank of Sea of Galilee), next to Capernaum

Luke 5:8-10 = Partner in fishing business with James and John

What are some of the stories we have of Peter with Jesus during His ministry? = Ask first, then review below

Luke 5:1-11 = Left everything to follow Jesus after seeing His power in impossible catch of fish

Matthew 14:28-31 (22-33) = Peter walked on water to Jesus

Matthew 16:21-23 = Said he wouldn't let Jesus suffer and die, Was rebuked by Jesus

Matthew 17:1-9 = Peter was with Jesus at Transfiguration (with Moses and Elijah)

Luke 22:7-13 = Jesus sent Peter and John to make preparations for Last Supper

John 13:3-17 = Peter taught lesson of serving others (Jesus washed his feet)

Matthew 26:31-35 = Peter promised to be faithful to the end, even if all others fell away

John 18:10-11 = Peter defended Jesus by cutting off servant's ear, scolded for doing so

Matthew 26:69-75 = Peter denied Jesus 3 times, cried bitterly realizing his weak faith

What stories do we have of Peter after Jesus completed His ministry? = Ask first, then review below

John 20:1-9 = Peter ran with John to see the empty tomb for himself

John 21:15-17 = Peter reinstated by Jesus after resurrection, questioned three times

Acts 1:15-26 = Peter led believers, proposed replacing Judas

Acts 2:14, 36-41 (14-47) = Peter gave Pentecost speech and 3000 became Christians

Acts 4:18-20 (Acts 3-4) = Peter healed cripple, explained Christ to onlookers, Arrested and questioned

Acts 5:1-10 = Peter condemned Ananias and Sapphira for lying to the church (Christ's Body)

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What did Peter and the apostles consider to be their primary responsibility in Christ's Body?

Acts 6:2 = The ministry of the Word, spreading the good news (gospel) of Jesus

Galatians 2:7-9 = Sharing the gospel with Jews

How did God use Peter to reveal to the church that the gospel is for all people, not just the Jews?

Acts 8:14-17 = Peter sent with John to witness to Samaria after Philip, They received the Spirit

Acts 9:32, 35, 42-43 (32-43) = Traveled Judea (Lydda, Sharon, Joppa) evangelizing and healing

Acts 11: 1-3, 17-18 (10:1-11:18) = Peter baptized first Gentile Christian, Cornelius (Roman soldier)

Did Peter agree or disagree with Paul's understanding of the gospel?

Acts 15:5-11 = Argued alongside Paul against circumcising Gentiles

Galatians 2:11-14 = Peter opposed by Paul in Antioch for avoiding Gentiles

2 Peter 3:15-16 = Said Paul had God-given wisdom and referred to his writing as Scripture

Background of Peter's First Letter

To Whom

1 Peter 1:1 = Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia & Bithynia (Asia Minor, Turkey)

From Whom

1 Peter 1:1 = *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ*

1 Peter 5:12 = Peter, a fisherman (not a writer), was helped by Silas

Where Written

1 Peter 5:13 = Written in Babylon, Mark was present

Revelation 17:5, 18 = Babylon was name for Rome during Nero's persecution

2 Timothy 4:11 = Mark was possibly in Rome at this time

Nero's Persecution (64-67 AD)

64 AD - Nero set fire to Rome to be able to rebuild a new and grander Rome

Nero accused Christians of burning Rome

Christians in and around Rome were arrested, tortured and killed

Crucified, thrown to lions or dogs, burned at the stake

Tradition says that Peter and Paul were arrested and brought to Rome as criminals

John 21:18-19 = Jesus foretold Peter's death (crucified upside-down)

1 Peter 5:12 = Tradition says Silas took letter and word of Paul's death

1 Peter 1:1 = *strangers in the world, scattered...* - Christians fled Rome

1 Peter 4:12-13 = *Don't be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering*

1 Peter 5:8-9 = *brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same suffering*

1 Peter 2:13-14 = Despite persecution, Peter instructed Christians to obey the authorities

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Discarded Dark Garment = Put off the old nature

1 Peter 2:1 = *rid yourself of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander*

1 Peter 2:11 = *as aliens in the world, abstain from sinful desires*

1 Peter 4:3-4 = *you have spent enough time doing as the pagans ...*

Figure Wears Light Garment = You have been born anew

1 Peter 1:3 = *he has given us new birth into a living hope*

1 Peter 1:2 = *have been chosen ... for obedience to Jesus Christ*

1 Peter 1:23 = *you have been born again ... of imperishable seed*

1 Peter 2:12 = *Live such good lives ... they may see ... and glorify God*

Narrow Road With Obstacles = The road is narrow that leads to life

Matthew 7:13-14 = *Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, only a few find it*

1 Peter 4:1-2 = *Obedience to Christ implies denial of self*

Matthew 16:24 = *Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus*

Dark Forest = Evil is real. It will exert its pressures on you.

1 Peter 5:8-9 = *devil prowls looking for someone to devour. Resist him.*

Burning Log = Don't be surprised at fiery ordeal, called to suffer for righteousness sake

1 Peter 1:6-7 = *a little while you may have to suffer ... so your faith is proved genuine*

1 Peter 2:19-21 = *God commends if you suffer for doing good and endure it, like Christ*

1 Peter 4:14-16 = *if you suffer as a Christian, praise God for the name*

Paths Leading off Road and Broken Tablets = Temptations will come, resist them

1 Peter 1:13-16 = *be self-controlled ... do not conform to evil desires, be holy*

1 Peter 2:16 = *Live as free men, don't use freedom as cover-up for evil*

1 Peter 4:7 = *be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can pray*

Shaft of Light = You do not walk alone. God walks with you

1 Peter 2:9 = *you are a chosen people ... called into his wonderful light*

1 Peter 4:10-11 = *God gives gifts, words and strength; use them*

1 Peter 5:10 = *God will restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast*

Road Leads to Light = Endure, and you will obtain the unfading crown of glory

1 Peter 1:4-5 = *an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade*

1 Peter 1:8-9 = *You believe without seeing and will receive salvation of your soul*

1 Peter 3:9-12 = *whoever would love life ... must turn from evil and do good*

1 Peter 3:15 = *Always be prepared to give an answer...for the hope you have*

1 Peter 4:17-18 = *If it is hard for the righteous, what about the ungodly?*

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 17 and Assignment 18

Next Week - *False Teaching*