



## Study Notes on First Peter

Christ is Over Suffering  
-Eric Blick

**Theme - the thread that runs through this letter from Peter:** In our short sufferings in this broken world, Christ is both our savior through it, and he is our example on living well. This living hope that we have been given makes all the difference.

**Historical Context - what was going on when Peter wrote:** The Apostle Peter wrote this letter to Jews and Gentile who were coming together in one church while there was beginning what would become incredible persecution from Rome and its society. Though sanctioned, state-wide persecution had not yet started, followers of Christ had the beginnings of this rejection including broken relationships, being ostracized for following Jesus, losing property and status, and eventually losing life itself.



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## ESV Study Bible's Outline:

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C. Responding to suffering in a godly way (3:13–4:11)

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**Section Breaks in the Greek text:** 1:1-1:12, 1:13-2:10, 2:11-2:12, 2:13-3:12, 3:13-4:11, 4:12-4:19, 5:1-5:5, 5:6-5:11, 5:12-5:14

## Mark Dever outline:

Chapter 1 – Christians have been born again into a living hope that

Chapter 2-5 leads to a holy life, characterized by JOYFUL submission:

Chapter 3 – joyful submission in marriage

Chapter 3 – joyful submission to one another

Chapter 3-4 – joyful submission in the face of suffering

Chapter 4 – joyful submission to God

Chapter 5 – joyful submission in the church

## Key Themes in 1 Peter (ESV Bible study notes):

1. Those who suffer as Christians will be exalted.	<a href="#">1:6–9</a> ; <a href="#">2:18–25</a> ; <a href="#">3:13–22</a> ; <a href="#">4:12–19</a>
2. The church of Jesus Christ is the new temple, the new Israel, the new people of God.	<a href="#">1:1–2</a> ; <a href="#">2:4–10</a>
3. Believers should set their hope on their end-time inheritance.	<a href="#">1:3–9</a> , <a href="#">13–16</a>
4. Christ died as a substitute for sinners, and his death is the basis for their new life.	<a href="#">1:17–21</a> ; <a href="#">2:24</a> ; <a href="#">3:13–22</a>
5. Christ's suffering is an example to his disciples.	<a href="#">2:21–23</a>
6. At his resurrection, Christ triumphed over his enemies.	<a href="#">3:18–22</a>
7. Christians should live righteously in their homes and in society.	<a href="#">2:11–3:7</a>
8. New life in Christ is the basis for a life of love and holiness.	<a href="#">1:3</a> ; <a href="#">1:13–2:3</a>

## Theme of the Book: The Enemies of the Kingdom - Persecution

Mark Dever in his study through the New Testament, connects the theme of this book to the rest of the Kingdom narrative through Scripture as addressing what happens when we have enemies of the Kingdom? How are we supposed to live? Walk with hope? Act holy as our Father is Holy?

### Collected Overview notes of 1 Peter

**Summary of the book:** Peter writes this book to be circulated among the churches that God used to start through him (Paul is not the only one to have missionary journeys); he encourages Christians who were faced with harassment and persecution: enemies of the body and enemies of the soul; what was one reason they were persecuted? Christians stopped going to the Roman temples which were places of worship of the emperor, worship of local deities, the civic meeting place, and places to hold 'family reunions' / family events; Peter, who once had different expectations of Christ and his kingdom immediately coming to overthrow Rome (Matt 16:16-21), then denies Christ, then is restored, then Paul confronts (Gal 2), is now resting in the living hope into which he has been born again (1:3-5);

**Key Question or book's theme:** How can Christians cope with alienation from society around them? (D) How can we respond to physical suffering and soul suffering? Peter gives us TWO answers to HOW to suffer well and NOT waste our suffering:

**Answer 1:** Consider Jesus Christ: both as Savior and as example.

**Answer 2:** Remember that the time for your suffering is short.

### Arcing Notes, Sermon & Commentary Notes, Inductive Study Notes

**Archiving Notes:** How does every proposition (an idea in a single clause with one subject and one verb) relate to other propositions in the text? This will be on the left side of the page for each section of these study notes.

Arcing:	Passage: 1 Peter 1:1-2
<b>Series 1:</b> Peter is the writer to these believers who are saved because of 2 things (Action/Manner) and for the Purpose of 2 things.	Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are <b>elect exiles</b> of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, a. according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, b. in the sanctification of the Spirit, a. for obedience to Jesus Christ b. and for sprinkling with his blood:
<b>Series 2:</b> Peter prays for them.	May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 8/16/20 - Intro:** For the next 19 weeks, we will run through this book. How do Christians live in such a way in this broken world as to be becoming of the greatness and beauty of Christ?

# I. Christians have been born again into a living hope: Peter's intro (1:1-1:12)

## Part 1: Greetings, we are his elect exiles receiving grace and peace.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: WE ARE ELECT EXILES - WHAT A PARADOX.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>Peter is writing to believers, mostly Gentile believers.</p> <p>They were not yet facing state sanctioned imprisonment, but they were facing marginalization at great extent.</p>	<p>The apostle Peter is writing this letter to believers, reminding them that they are God's elect exiles even though they are scattered around the world. They are elect by God's foreknowledge, the Spirit making them alive to obey Christ now that they are in this covenant with God sealed by blood. He wants them to have the rich grace and peace of God multiplied to them.</p>	<p>Exiles: We are temporary residents passing through.</p> <p>Elect: We are HIS exiles.</p>	<p>P: Grace and peace are for the elect exiles.</p>	<p>The whole Trinity is individually mentioned here. They each had a role in our so great a salvation.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>WHY are we elect exiles? For obedience to Christ.</p> <p>How is for sprinkling with his blood a second argument of WHY we are elect exiles? It is covenantal language entering into the covenant; Ryan thinks that all 4 of these are talking about what happens at conversion;</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>HOW are we elect exiles?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Because of God's foreknowledge</li> <li>2. Because of the Spirit sanctifying</li> </ol> <p>These 2 connect and are not a true series.</p>	<p>Forgive me for working in various ways laboring in anxiety to make this world my home.</p>	<p>We praise you for your power to purpose and fore know in purpose your own out of this broken world. We confess that we try to run to the comforts of this world to make it our permanent home instead of hope in you with contentment. Thank you for the Trinity's mighty work to save sinners like us. Please let our lives overflow with the deep grace and mercy from you moment by moment.</p>

Arcing:		Passage: 1 Peter 1:3-5
Action: Worship God.	Response: We worship.	
	Situation: The situation described for us has two actions - creation of new life that is being guarded.	3 Blessed <u>be</u> the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
		According to his great mercy, he <u>has caused</u> us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
		4 to an inheritance that [inheritance] <u>is</u> imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, <u>kept</u> in heaven for you,
		5 who by God's power <u>are being guarded</u> through faith
	Action 1: God makes us alive to hope.	
	Purpose 1: that we may obtain our new inheritance	
	Action 2: God guards us by power.	
	Purpose 2: That we may endure and get our inheritance.	for a salvation ready <u>to be revealed</u> in the last time.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 8/23/20 - Intro:** Ebenezer Scrooge would probably make the list of top literary characters. The way in which he changes is by what he sees, the past present and future. As believers, our path is really the same.

**The Big Idea / Headline:** The past, present, and future work of God's salvation transforms us now.

I. What is the work of salvation?

- A. There is a PAST aspect to God's work in our salvation. Look at all that has been foreshadowed and then fulfilled by Christ. We are rescued in the past.
- B. There is a PRESENT aspect to God's work in our salvation. We have living hope. We are guarded. We are not just waiting for the future, but we have a real present to enjoy.
- C. There is a FUTURE aspect to God's work in our salvation. On the last day, when Jesus returns, we will experience the future glory awaiting us and spared from his wrath.

II. How should this past present and future salvation transform the way we live now?

- A. PAST work: We should be marked by thankfulness and humility. Vs3 God caused us to be born again - thankfulness. It is by his mercy we are saved - humility.
- B. PRESENT work - we should have boldness and confidence. It is God who is guarding us in the midst of this broken world. It will bring us safely to the kingdom. We should feel valued because you don't guard what you do not value. Are you awed that God himself is protecting you? We do not protect our trash cans at night. Take chances for Christ now.
- C. FUTURE work - we should be marked by resolve to live for Jesus and his world / kingdom to come. Our inheritance is exactly opposite to a worldly inheritance: it cannot be gone, nor defiled, nor ever lose its luster or value.

## Part 2: Worship God. Why? for his past, present, and future work of salvation transforming us now.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER FOR HIS HOPEFUL LIFE THAT HE GUARDS UNTIL WE FULLY GET OUR INHERITANCE.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
In this letter, vs1-3, let's start by worshipping God.	Because God HAS worked in the past and IS PRESENTLY guarding you, your FUTURE inheritance is a sure thing - that will help us suffer and live well now.	V4: That = inheritance  V3: born again is not just a fact but a living hope; ironically it is a living hope because Christ died.  V5 guard - like a military sentinel.	P: I am going to make it - because God is guarding me. Perseverance of the Saints is His work for His glory.  P: the inheritance is mine because Christ's work for me - taking sin and giving perfect record	God is a God who acts: he gives life to the hopeless and guards them.  God acts out of mercy not wages.
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY do we bless God? V3: he has caused us to be born again to a living hope.  WHY did we get this living hope of life? V4 for our inheritance.  WHY are we being guarded by God? V5b for the ready salvation about to be revealed	WHAT do we know about this inheritance we have been given now? 1. V4 God is the one keeping it for us 2. V4 imperishable 3. V4 pure 4. V4 does not fade  WHAT is the inheritance? Keller argues that it is God's pleasure and acceptance over us, settled, now because it is kept the same for eternity.	HOW did we get this living hope of life? V3 by God's mercy V3 through Christ coming back to life  HOW do the WHO's receiving this inheritance make it today until they physically receive all that is due them in this merciful inheritance? V5 we connect to God's sustaining, guarding power by faith (Hebrews 11 the conviction of things not seen (God's power) and the assurance of this salvation hoped for)	Forgive me for sometimes forgetting the value of this inheritance. Help me remember and remember in great detail provided here.	Lord, melt our hearts with the sacrifice of Christ dying for me for my rescue. Thank you that you guard us now.

Arcing:				Passage: 1 Peter 1:6-9	
<b>Purpose:</b> (Action is Blessing God in vs3) Worship of God is how we get through real trials. Christ gets the glory (and we get the joy v-8-9)	Action 1: Worship God even during trials.		Main		6 In <b>this</b> <u>you rejoice</u> ,
			Concessive		though now for a little while, if necessary, <u>you have been grieved</u> by various trials,
	Purpose 1: This worship in trials certainly refines our faith but it brings huge honor to Christ.				
<b>Result:</b> (Action is Blessing God in vs3) Worship of God is for our joy. It results in indescribable joy now and eternally.	Action 2: Love Jesus, believe him, and rejoice in him.	Progression: You did not see Jesus	Main		8 Though <u>you have</u> not <u>seen</u> him,
			Concessive		<u>you love</u> him.
		Progression: You STILL do not see Jesus.	Main		Though you do not now <u>see</u> him,
			Concessive	Idea	<u>you</u> <u>believe</u> in him and <u>rejoice</u> with joy
				Explain	<u>that is</u> inexpressible and filled with glory,
	Result 2: We get true joy both now and eternally (though this clause is not independent with its own verb, it mirrors vs7 which is a result of an action)				

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 8/30/20 - Intro:** Where is God in our suffering, and why does he not stop our trial(s)?

**The Big Idea / Headline:** God is present in our suffering and has purposes.

- I. There are several pieces of bad news about suffering.
  - A. Trials and difficulties are a real and normal experience in this world.
  - B. These trials will always come in various forms. Broken relationships,
  - C. They bring real grief. The emotions of it need to be acknowledged and real lament takes place. Learn how to lament with the language of the Psalms. As long as there is brokenness, there is grief. Don't downplay the difficulty of trials even though we have great hope.
- II. There are several pieces of good news about suffering.
  - A. It is relatively short and only temporary. They will end, and we only endure for a little bit.



- B. They are not meaningless. God is the one who deems it necessary or not. We may not know what he thought was necessary. Just like the doctors doing tests on Dawson and Ryan wanting to do anything to stop them in the moment.
- C. They are producing a fruit that lasts. They produce character and hope (Rom 5). They prove the genuineness of our faith like gold but better because it is lasting.
- D. Joy is possible even in the midst of trial. Vs8 not after trials but in.

### Part 3: This worship of God in vs3 is what we do even in trials so that Christ gets the glory and we the joy now and eternally.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: WE WORSHIP GOD BY REJOICING IN HIM, LOVING HIM, AND BELIEVING HIM EVEN ON THIS TOUGH ROAD - CHRIST GETS THE GLORY AND WE GET THE JOY NOW AND ETERNALLY.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>Worship God: Why? For who he is and what he has done (vs3-5).</p> <p>Why do we worship? Enduring faith brings honor to us and ultimately Christ.</p> <p>What results from our worship? We get the joy now and eternally.</p>		<p>THIS vs6: the worship of God together for his hopeful life that he guards until we fully get our inheritance.</p> <p>THIS vs6: Pastor Ryan had it more specific on our inheritance coming.</p>	<p>P: If necessary v6: God is the one who deems what test / trials are necessary or not.</p> <p>Religious Affections book by Jonathan Edwards is based on this passage. Vs8</p>	<p>- To know God in Jesus is this type of glory-joy that we see in the Old Testament. Enjoying the joy of his weight of glory.</p> <p>- Because Christ experienced the ultimate trial, we can face our short trials in hope.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>WHAT type of joy comes in worship of God? Vs8e - a joy that is seen and felt and hard to put in words and is weighty and glorious.</p> <p>WHAT do we know about trials?  <u>Bad news</u>: they are normal in this broken life, they come in all shapes, and they bring real grief to lament.  <u>Good news</u>: they are only temporary, they are not meaningless (God is the one who deems it necessary or not), they produce lasting fruit, and the have joy during not just after.</p> <p>WHY does enduring faith matter? Christ gets huge honor as we get honor for this faith (we are like the moon, reflecting the sun's glory).</p>		<p>HOW is our faith made pure and even better than gold? Compares to gold - refined through the fires of affliction; contrasts to gold - our faith actually is lasting compared to gold being gone;</p> <p>When you have nowhere else to go, it is there that you turn to him and find he really is sufficient.</p>	<p>I need to be reminded: this is temporary; walking in faith and not laying down in bitterness or despondency in grief brings glory.</p> <p>What is keeping you and me from experiencing these real affections of joy, hope, courage, contentment, peace, etc.? They are ours!</p>	<p>We worship you, God, for saving sinners. We confess we lose perspective to see suffering as you see it. Thank you that it is not wasted, but one day will bring honor and today we have joy in you. We ask that our loved ones would grow in this understanding which is reason for inexpressible joy.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 1:10-12
<b>Explain:</b> the Idea is VS3-9, worshipping God for his Salvation. This further explains about this salvation.	<b>Idea 1:</b> The HS told the prophets that future believers would receive grace through the Messiah, the suffering servant.	Idea	10 Concerning this salvation, the <u>prophets</u> who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours <u>searched</u> and <u>inquired</u> carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time
		Explain	Main
		the <u>Spirit</u> of Christ in them <u>was indicating</u>	
	<b>Explain 1:</b> The prophets were told they were on to something glorious for us, so much so angels long to see.	Temporal	
		when <u>he predicted</u> the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.	
		Idea	12 <u>It was revealed</u> to them
		Explain	that <u>they were serving</u> not themselves but you,
		Action	
		in the things <u>that have</u> now <u>been announced</u> to you through those	
		Idea	<u>who preached</u> the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,
		Explain	things into which <u>angels long</u> to look.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 9/6/20 - “Angels, prophets, and the glorious good news of the gospel.”** **Intro:** His 95 year old grandmother in Iowa lived before running water, WWI&II. Her message is that it is easy to forget what we have now.

**The Big Idea / Headline:** The salvation from this gospel of good news changes how we live.

I. What do we know about this gospel? What about it is so unique that angels longingly look into it?

Truth 1: The gospel message we have was message that the prophets of old saw from afar. What would his name be, and what would the circumstances of his coming be? What would he do? How would he be THE lamb? These are the HOW questions that we often grow apathetic with because it is very familiar.

Truth 2: People preach God’s good news, and it is from the HS. It is impossible to overstate then its value, and its value to you.

Truth 3: The gospel message we have is so precious and astounding into which even angels long to look. Why? Perhaps it is because angels don’t experience redemption as we do, or they know God to be more holy than we do blowing their minds because he saves sinners.

II. In light of of our suffering, how do we then respond to the greatness of this message of salvation?  
 A. Stop and remember how awesome this news really is. Meditate on the fact that God accepts you and is in relationship with you with our sin removed. We are restored. B. Hold fast to the purity of the message. We deliver the message and do not alter it. C. Build your life on the foundation of this message. All other ground is sinking sand.

## Part 4: This salvation, giving reason to worship God, is so amazing that angels longingly look into it.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: THIS SALVATION NEWS WAS SPOKEN IN PART BY PROPHETS, WE NOW HAVE IT, AND IT IS INTO WHICH ANGELS LONGINGLY LOOK.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
See THIS vs 10 notes in Key Word / Pronoun. We worship God for the reasons above, and this section dives deeper into WHAT KIND of salvation Peter is really saying fuels our worship.	<p>The OT prophets searched and inquired about WHO the Seed was and when he would bring future believers this grace. They got pieces of this story front the HS.</p> <p>The HS told them that they are getting pieces in order to serve future believers who would hear this great news by the HS who uses heralds.</p> <p>This salvation of grace amazes even angels who are with God.</p>	<p>V10 THIS = the salvation for which we bless and worship God, the salvation that we are kept by him for, which glorifies Christ and gives us joy now and eternally.</p> <p>V11 HE predicted: the HS in the OT writings said Christ would be the suffering servant heading to glory</p> <p>V12 IT/THEM: HS revealed to OT prophets that they had a partial picture of Christ.</p>	P: Christ the Seed WOULD come just like Gen 3:15 was promised by God, and it would be special, and it would not be like everyone expected.	<p>God keeps promises because he said he would send Christ and he did.</p> <p>God's plan does not follow the pattern of this world. It is truly wise and also mysterious to us.</p> <p>God cares for believers by giving them the HS, the Spirit of Christ, to explain this GREAT salvation as we would not be able to understand on our own as prophets could not even get it fully even with HS.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY did the OT prophets only get pieces? So that they would serve us in this progressive revelation of God through history. God is infinite so we can't get one data dump and then know him. We are finite. God is gracious to give us more knowledge of who he is over time.	<p>WHAT is so great about this salvation that even angels marvel?</p> <p>-V10 grace not earned and WILL be received</p> <p>-V11 it came through the Seed who was the suffering servant king of Isaiah not the liberator only that the people wanted.</p> <p>-V12 It is announced, worthy to be heralded.</p> <p>-V12 It is good news not good advice.</p>	HOW did OT prophets get some of the pieces of the Seed? V10-11 They searched and inquired as they were informed by the HS.	God, I confess my longing wanes at times. Help me to search and inquire like these prophets and see the goodness of God in the face of Christ in all the pages of Scripture.	God, we worship you for keeping promises and brining us your Spirit. We confess our times of apathy. We thank you for not being silent but telling this great news (not good advice). We ask that you would light us on fire with the passion and contentment of knowing you and being satisfied in you which gives you glory and us joy.

Arcing:					Passage: 1 Peter 1:13-16	
<b>Inference:</b> Beause of the arguments already given above (worship God for this great salvation of living hope), set your hope on this future grace which will cause you to act holy as God acts.	<b>Main 1:</b> Set your hope fully on future grace.	Idea: set your hope on grace			13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, [you] <u>set</u> your hope fully on the grace	
		Explain: what grace? The grace to be brought to you someday.			that <u>will be brought</u> to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.	
	<b>Comparison 1:</b> This future grace is becoming of followers of God, living holy just like he is.	Negative: opposite of holiness here is ignorant passions conforming our character.			14 As obedient children, [you] <u>do not be conformed</u> to the passions of your former ignorance,	
		Positive: we are conformed to God's character of holy living.	Comparison		15 but as <u>he</u> who called you <u>is</u> holy,	
			Main		<u>you</u> also <u>be</u> holy in all your conduct,	
		Ground: why be holy? OT command s it.	Idea		16 since <u>it is written</u> .	
			Explain	Main	"You <u>shall be</u> holy,	
				Ground	for I <u>am</u> holy."	

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 9/13/20 - "Indicatives, Imperatives, and the Importance of Gospel-Fuel Living" - see notes in table**

"At the heart of the book is the conviction that the promises of future grace are the keys to Christ like Christian living. The hand that turns the key is faith, and the life that results is called living by faith in future grace. By future I do not merely mean the grace of heaven in the age to come. I mean the grace that begins now, this very second, and sustains your life to the end of this paragraph. By grace I do not merely mean the pardon of God in passing over your sins, but also the power and beauty of God to keep you from sinning. By faith I do not merely mean the confidence that Jesus died for your sins, but also the confidence that God will 'also with him freely give us all things' (Romans 8:32). Faith is primarily a future-oriented 'assurance of things hoped for' (Hebrews 11:1). It's essence is the deep satisfaction with all that God promises to be for us in Jesus - beginning now" (Future Grace, John Piper, p13).

"I pray that you will hear and follow the call to find your joy in all that God promises to be for you and Jesus. And I pray that the expulsive power of this new affection will go on freeing you from the fleeting pleasures of sin and empower you for a life of sacrificial love. If, in this way, we prove that God is prized above all things, then living by faith in future grace will be to the praise of his glory. For God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him" (p20).



## II. This living hope overflows into a holy life of joyful submission (1:13-5:14).

### A. Living hope will produce holy conduct like God's.

#### 1. Part 1: Holiness is through setting our hope fully on grace.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: BECAUSE OF OUR LIVING HOPE, WE WILL LIVE LIVES HOLY, REFLECTING GOD.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
Vs1-12 - we worship God: he has caused us to be born again to a living hope with a great inheritance. In light of this fact (indicatives), we are commanded to live differently (imperatives). The order is important: we don't swim across the whole Pacific in order to get saved - that is impossible. Because we are saved, we can swim.	Because of your great salvation that gives reason to worship God, set you hope fully on the grace coming to you BY utilizing the means of grace.  That path is like the path of God who is holy.	-Preparing your minds for action = gird up your loins phrase which is an idiomatic way to get ready to run by tucking in your long robe. -Sober-minded is not being distracted; -Passions v14: inordinate desire / desire for good things gone ultimate in God's place (?), Peter uses it in 2 Peter 1, is this the same? -Holy: set apart for his purpose; pure;	Up until this verse, we ONLY have promises - now because of these promises and truths, we get THEREFORE commands.  C: v13 set your hope - can't be partially done  C: v14 do not be conformed to the passions  C: v15 be holy in all your conduct	God is holy.  Jesus is bringing grace for me when I see him.
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY are we to be holy v16? Because God is holy, on the ground of his holiness I can be holy.  WHY holy conduct? The OT's proclamation of the character of God as holy in his essence.	WHAT about this grace being brought to me in the future is different than the grace that it took to save me? When will I get this (when is the revelation of Jesus?): at death, at the rapture, at the new heavens / earth?  WHAT are we supposed to do today instead of being conformed to former passions? Walk in holy conduct as God is holy in conduct.	HOW do we set our hope on the grace that will be brought to us? WHEN will we get it - at death or rapture, or new heavens? when we see Jesus? The gospel's bold-humility: in boldness preparing our minds for action because we are forgiven AND in humility being sober-minded that Christ NEEDED to die for me.  Practically: we remember what God has done and study what he is / will do;	Forgive us for thinking that we earn your favor by being holy: Obedience's motivation: we obey because we are saved, we are not saved because we obey.	Lord, we adore you because your essence is holiness. We confess that we act more like disobedient non-family. Thank you for making us family. We ask that you would cause us to love walking in holy conduct because of our living hope that you gave us.

Arcing:				Passage: 1:17-21
<b>Series:</b> The first link in this chain in this series of holiness (v13) is to set our hope fully on grace, AND (vs17) conduct yourself with right fear is the next link in this chain.	<b>Idea 1:</b> Conduct yourself in right fear by knowing something.	<b>If:</b> If you call on God as your father,	Idea A: What about the Father? Explain A: He is a great judge.	17 And if <u>you call</u> on him as Father
				<u>who judges</u> impartially according to each one's deeds,
	<b>Explain 1:</b> this details out WHAT we are supposed to know about this great salvation. This whole explanation is an action (I just did not add another column)  <b>Action 1:</b> You are to know this.	<b>Then:</b> then conduct yourself with fear.	Idea B: What are we to know?	[then <u>you</u> ] <u>conduct</u> yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that
		Idea C: What about Christ?	Explain B: Know the value of your ransom.	<u>you were ransomed</u> from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, [-] not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [detail]
				[+]19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. [detail]
		Idea D: Who is the YOU to whom Peter writes?	Explain C: Christ was foreknown and made manifest.	20 <u>He was foreknown</u> before the foundation of the world but <u>was made manifest</u> in the last times for the sake of you
				21 <u>who</u> through him <u>are</u> believers in God,
		Idea E: What about God?	Explain D: Believers	<u>who</u>
			Explain E: He raised Christ and gave glory.	<u>raised</u> him from the dead and <u>gave</u> him glory,
		<b>Purpose 1:</b> We are to know this great salvation in detail so that God is our hope, not something else.		so that your <u>faith</u> and <u>hope are</u> in God.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Jim 9/20/20 - The Power to do the “How To’s” - Intro:** Amazon is loaded with How To books. We love to know what to do and how to do it. The Bible must not be reduced to a how to book. The main point of the Bible is about Jesus, what he came to do, how he brings man to God who could not do that by himself.

**The Big Idea / Headline:** Only by what Christ has done can we do the How To's.

- I. The Command - believers are to walk in good fear before this loving Father-Judge. Isn't fear a worse motivator to good behavior than love? Yes, but fear of the Lord is wisdom and strong confidence - Proverbs 14:26. The fear of God should drive us to God not away from Him, otherwise we do not under this type of fear correctly. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. - Psalm 25:14

- II. The Ground - we live in good fear by knowing how great our ransom was to a great salvation. Ransom is always done with valuable things like money or gold. God planned to redeem us before creation, and Jesus brings about this belief in God in us.

## 2. Part 2: Holiness is through conducting ourselves through right fear of the Father-Judge.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: WE OBEY IN GOOD FEAR OF OUR LOVING FATHER-JUDGE BY KNOWING IN DETAIL HOW GREAT A SALVATION WE HAVE RECEIVED (WE ARE ABLE TO OBEY BECAUSE THIS GOSPEL IS ACTIVE IN US).

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
Vs 14 calls us children not non-family; If God calls you as children to not be conformed to former lusts, he also calls us to conduct ourselves in fear as chosen exiles. "AND" denotes a series.	Conduct ourselves in fear by knowing the detailed plan of salvation so that our hope today is on God who is a better hope than our former, futile ways.	v21 Faith and hope: 2 overlapping but different things?  V21 WHO = God raised Jesus and gave Jesus glory.  V18: futile way = worthless and useless	C: conduct yourself with fear  P: ours is a costly salvation from love	What about God is our belief called to here? The mighty God powerful enough to raise Christ from death to life AND who gave him glory.
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>WHY conduct yourself in fear? Connected to God being impartial father-judge.</p> <p>WHY was the salvation plan of God manifested when it did? For our sake. For me to see it.</p> <p>WHY this detailed plan of salvation that I now know? So that my faith and my hope are in God and not something else. What else would my hope be in? My futile ways which if I was still in them I would not be getting the persecution I am as a 1st century believer.</p>	<p>WHAT is judging impartially? According to deeds not stature.</p> <p>WHAT do are we supposed to know? V18b+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We were ransomed</li> <li>- We needed to be ransomed.</li> <li>- We were ransomed with never ending value of Christ's blood that's precious.</li> <li>- The OT teaches us the power of the weak lamb.</li> <li>- This was God's plan before creation.</li> <li>- This plan became visible for me.</li> <li>- Christ brought about my belief.</li> <li>- I believe in the God who raised Jesus and gave glory.</li> </ul>	<p>HOW do we conduct ourselves in fear? We are to be knowing something. Remembering it. Acting because of it.</p> <p>HOW did we get to be believers in God? Through him.</p> <p>HOW do we call on God? As a loving father who is a good and perfect judge, who is for us and disciplines us for our good not our punishment or retribution.</p>	<p>V17 I will be judged and I am not ready without what Christ has done for me.</p> <p>V18 I need to be redeemed and I can think gold will do it but that is less valuable than the blood of Christ the fulfillment of the OT lamb.</p> <p>V21 I believe in God because Christ has worked belief into me.</p>	<p>Punchline: God we praise you is the superior Being to place our faith and build our hope than our futile former ways.</p> <p>Lord, you are worthy of our reverent fear. I confess my deep need for redemption. Thank you for not just making the transaction happen but doing so out of deep love with something more valuable than money - Christ's life and death and resurrection. Help me to conduct myself in the godliness of reverent fear.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3
<b>Main 1:</b> You are to love one another with a pure heart because of TWO grounding arguments are true (Ground 2A and 2B).	<b>Main 2:</b> love one another		22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, [you] love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
	<b>Ground 2A:</b> Because we have been born again to this living hope, we can love one another.		23 since you have been born again, [-] not of perishable seed [+ ] but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;
	<b>Ground 2B:</b> Because we are made alive through hearing the living word, we can love one another.	Ground 2B: unlike flowers, the Word which redeems us is eternal.	
		Neg (-)	Series
			Series
		POS (+)	Series
			Series
			Idea
<b>Inference 1:</b> Put away evil and long for milk because the above is true (Main 1)	Series (NEG-): There are FIVE actions and motivations to get rid of in loving others well.	Inference	
		1 So [you] put away [putting away] all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.	
	Series (POS+): Instead, long for this everlasting word where we continue to taste that God is good.	Then	Idea
			2 Like newborn infants, [you] long for the pure spiritual milk,
		IF	Explain
			that by it you may grow up into salvation -
			Idea
			3 if indeed you have tasted
			Explain
			that the Lord is good.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 8/23/20 - “Living Word, Lasting Love”, Intro:** There is a polarization of country in key areas and there is great racial strife. How do we love one another? We remember we are saved. **The Big Idea / Headline:** The reason we have a hate problem is because we have a hope problem. We have a hope problem because we have a love problem not loving this good God who we can taste his goodness. You can't give others the taste of Biblical love until you have tasted this love of God for you, tasted in such a rich way you want more like an infant demanding a meal.



### 3. Living hope will produce holy conduct in our actions towards others.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: PUT AWAY FIVE BAD BEHAVIORS TOWARD ONE ANOTHER AND INSTEAD LONG FOR HIM BECAUSE YOU HAVE NEW LIFE AND IT'S COME TO YOU THROUGH THIS LASTING WORD OF GOD.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
Our holy living before God (last section) will also be characterized by holiness towards one another in loving one another well reflecting the character of God.	<p>Put away evil and long for milk (Inference)</p> <p>Because you are to love one another with a pure heart</p> <p>Because you have been born again to this living hope</p> <p>And because the Word that saved you is everlasting.</p>	V2 Milk = lasting word of God v24-25; this analogy is used her to show how desperately we need his words; this is not used the same way that Paul uses this metaphor to say you are not maturing (1 Cor 3:2);	<p>C-v22: You love one another; C-2:1: You put away 5 evil actions; Ryan made the case this is a participle;</p> <p>C-2:2: You long for pure spiritual milk</p> <p>P-v25: the word of God is everlasting and good news for me and it's what I heard and hear.</p>	v23-25: His word is imperishable; it is living; it is abiding; it is a seed promising more; it is even more beautiful than a flower; it is good news; it was preached to you by people;
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>WHY can and do we love one another like this?</p> <p>1. Because we have been born again to this LASTING hope.</p> <p>2. Because the Word by which we are born again is LASTING / everlasting.</p>	<p>WHAT does real love look like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- v22 love for others</li> <li>- Earnestly</li> <li>- From a pure heart</li> <li>- V1 without malice</li> <li>- Without receipt</li> <li>- Without hypocrisy</li> <li>- Without envy</li> <li>- Without slander</li> </ul>	<p>v22 HOW are we to love like this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be saved (purified souls)</li> <li>- obey the truth = not works righteousness but obedience to gospel message in saving faith;</li> </ul> <p>HOW were we born again to this living hope? Through the living and abiding word of God.</p> <p>V1: HOW do we avoid these five behaviors that destroy relationships? We have tasted something better, His Goodness, and we want more.</p>	<p>I confess my life on earth without my Maker and Christ is fading flower-glory.</p> <p>I am commanded to put away five bad behaviors BECAUSE I have five bad behaviors that I gravitate towards in not showing honor and empathy to others.</p>	<p>God, your words are imperishable beauty that makes me alive. I confess I need to be saved from five bad behaviors I can naturally do to others. Thank you that what I am saved unto is something that tastes good and I want more, namely you. I ask that you would increase my longing for you that overflows in love for one another from a pure heart.</p>

Arcing:				Passage: - 1 Peter 2:4-10	
Main 1: As you come to God you ARE being built into ONE body together in Christ.	Manner	Idea	4 As <u>you come</u> to him,		
		Explain	a living <u>stone</u> <u>rejected</u> by men but in the sight of God <u>chosen</u> and <u>precious</u> ,		
	Action	5 <u>you</u> yourselves like living stones <u>are being built up</u> as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.			
Ground 1: Because that is what the OT foretold.	Idea		6 For <u>it stands</u> in Scripture:		
	Explain	Series 1	"Behold, <u>I am laying</u> in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,		
		Series 2	and <u>whoever</u> believes in him <u>will not be put</u> to shame."		
Inference 1 (Main = Main 1 and Ground 1 above):  Therefore the honor is for you believers.	Pos: contrast 1 - we get honor.			7 So the <u>honor is</u> for you who believe,	
	Neg: contrast 1 - they get stumbling.		Idea	but [stumbling <u>shame is</u> ] for those who do not believe,	
			Explain: WHY do they stumble? The Rock	"The <u>stone</u> that the builders rejected <u>has become</u> the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."	
	Neg: contrast 2 - they disobey God's word.	Main	Result	<u>They stumble</u>	
			Action	because <u>they disobey</u> the word,	
	Ground		as <u>they were destined</u> to do.		
	Pos: contrast 2 - believers are THREE things:	Series 1: we are chosen for himself to proclaim his glory	Action	9 But <u>you are</u> a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,	

			Purpose	Idea	that <u>you</u> may <u>proclaim</u> the excellencies of him
			Purpose (cont.)	Explain	<u>who called</u> you [-] out of darkness [+] into his marvelous light.
		Series 2: We are God's own.	Neg		10 Once <u>you were</u> not a people,
			Pos		but now <u>you are</u> God's people;
		Series 3: We have received mercy.	Neg		once <u>you had</u> not <u>received</u> mercy,
			Pos		but now <u>you have received</u> mercy.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 10/4/20 - “Living Stones, Offensive Rocks, and the Importance of Christian Identity”;** Knowing WHO we are in Jesus will affect how we live even in trials. Peter is giving them courage to face the broken world. Christ the stone means there is no middle ground.

#### 4. We each share honor from God as he builds us diverse people into ONE temple.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: BELIEVERS GET HONOR AS GOD BUILDS THEM INTO ONE HOUSE.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>If our living hope produces good conduct to others (last section, WHO are these others?)</p> <p>Answer: they are the others who believe who God is building into ONE body in Christ.</p>	<p>(Inference) Therefore the honor is for you believers</p> <p>(Main) Because God is building us into one body,</p> <p>(Ground) Because that is what the OT foretold.</p>	<p>V4 - stone: there are no “fence-riders”</p> <p>V5: in the NT, who are believers a holy priesthood for? Gentiles; WHAT does a NT priest do? Proclaim God’s excellence by our lives and our hope to the world.</p>	<p>P-v6: the promised stone promises we will not ultimately be put to shame.</p> <p>C-v9: you have been made new with living hope IN ORDER THAT you make much of God’s name around you.</p>	<p>V4 - To WHOM are we coming? Jesus who is the stone who is chosen by God and precious, rejected by men;</p> <p>V9-10: God takes us wicked sinners and makes them friends, worshippers of him through mercy.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>-WHY do we get honor v7? We diverse believers are being built into a beautiful temple where God dwells.</p> <p>-WHY do people disobey? V8 there were destined to.</p> <p>-WHY are we chosen? V9 to proclaim God’s excellencies.</p>	<p>WHAT is our identity in Christ? 1. V4-5 the Church together is now the temple of God as in OT it was in a building. 2. v9-10 we are God’s own people receiving mercy (Peter quotes Hosea 1-2 and applies OT promises to Gentiles and the church).</p>	<p>HOW are we to have courage to face trials? V5 we are to remember that diverse peoples who believe in God are being built to ONE house together in great honor.</p>	<p>-I confess I am sometimes surprised I will be rejected as the cornerstone was rejected.</p> <p>-Here is a 2nd reason for racial reconciliation: 1. Racism is sinful because all are equal image bearers of God; 2. I honor you as my equal because God honors you as he builds us together into one temple / house.</p> <p>-We worship you for the precious Christ who redeems sinners. We confess our dishonor of people. Thank you for our solid identity in Christ that changes how we live and suffer. We ask for help proclaiming your excellencies.</p>	

Arcing:		Passage: 1 Peter 2:11-12
<b>Negative:</b> Abstain from war-waging epi-desires (even good things that become ultimate).	Idea: Abstain from sinful desires.	11 Beloved, I <u>urge</u> you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh,
	Explain: which desires?	<u>which wage</u> war against your soul.
<b>Positive:</b> Conduct yourselves honorably before those who hate you, and somehow they will glorify God one day for you when the Spirit awakens some to be saved.	Action: Act honorably.	12 [You] <u>Keep</u> your conduct among the Gentiles honorable,
	Result: Gentiles will glorify God for you.	Temporal so that when <u>they speak</u> against you as evildoers,
	Main	<u>they may</u> see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan - “Be good for goodness sake? 10/11/20 - Intro:** The well known Christmas song, “Santa Clause is Coming to Town” gives reasons WHY kids should be acting good. It is karma and rewards and then a vague sense of do good for goodness’ sake. In this passage we are given superior reasons WHY we are to live holy.

**The Big Idea / Headline:** Believers have FOUR reasons WHY its good to obey God.

1. Because of all that we are as Christians in Christ. Because we have God's favor settled over our lives in his steadfast love, out of that we obey. We do not turn this around to get his love by obeying. That is the grace of the Gospel.
2. Because it is a real war spiritually. It is for our joy to obey avoiding this great internal war in discontentment and strife. Fighting sin is not fighting a Charlie horse punch from a 4 year old in the thigh. It is the defense of navy Seal.
3. Because it is winsome for the gospel. Acting honorably towards those who are speaking evil against you is a gracious act of God in you as a believer - fulfilling Christ's command to love those who hate you and do good to them. This honoring of them makes them see the power of the gospel, is what the Spirit can use to awaken them spiritually to be saved, and they will thus glorify God for you bringing them the same joy in God.
4. Because God gets the glory and we get the joy. It is not selfish for God to seek his own glory. We are most satisfied when we are satisfied in the One who made us and that satisfaction brings him glory.



## B. Living hope produces new passions and honorable conduct.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: ABSTAIN FROM WAR-RAGING-EPI-DESIRES, AND ACT HONORABLY FOR GOD'S GLORY.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>We fellow believers each receive honor from God as he builds us into one house, therefore, overflow in honor towards unbelievers.</p> <p>“Honor” is used in both these sections.</p>	<p>These two verses are completely separate in the Greek with a paragraph break on either side.</p> <p>Negative - command: Abstain from war-waging epi-desires (even good things that become ultimate).</p> <p>Positive - command: Conduct yourselves honorably before those who hate you, and somehow they will glorify God one day for you.</p>	<p>Passions - same Greek word in 1:14 that Keller uses as epi-desires, even good things that become ultimate. Peter uses 4x in this letter;</p> <p>Elect-exiles: connects back to Peter's intro in 1:1-2;</p> <p>V12 Day of visitation is not the judgment day but rather when a person becomes a Christian and linked that into our actions as Christians matter.</p>	<p>C-v11: Peter urges us to abstain from sinful desire.</p> <p>C-v12: Keep your conduct honorable.</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit uses the hope of the Word of God in believers' lives to power honor of others bringing many to salvation when the HS visits them.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>WHY do we act honorably among unbelievers v12? It is what the Spirit can use to awaken them spiritually to be saved, and they will thus glorify God for you bringing them the same joy in God.</p> <p>- see the four reasons from Pastor Ryan's sermon WHY we obey.</p>	<p>WHAT are passions of the flesh v11? They are both bad desires and good desires that moved to ultimate desires that wage war against your soul.</p>	<p>HOW are we to abstain from evil desire? It is tied up in remembering WHO we are: WHO is the you in vs11?</p> <p>Believers are called sojourners and exiles - this world is not our home so don't have the passions of this world rule us as if it is our home.</p>	<p>My passions even for good things can become an ultimate thing and sense of meaning apart from God.</p> <p>Our default in this fallen world when called an evildoer in slander is to slander back, and we need this WHY and the Holy Spirit to obey this command. This would be unhonorable living.</p>	<p>Almighty God, the only wise Redeemer, we glorify you. We confess our passions become ultimate, and we want to live un honorably at times. Thank you for rescuing us from that life that will not satisfy and giving us something better that will result in glory to your name. We ask that you give us power to abstain from evil and keep honoring others who do not deserve it, treating us wrongly.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 2:13-17
<b>Action 1:</b> Obey God's governments because its his will resulting in evil silenced.	Main / Action: We are called to be subject to God's governments.	Idea	13 [You] <u>Be subject</u> for the Lord's sake to every human institution,
		Explain	whether <u>it be</u> to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.
	Ground: Because it is God's will.	Idea	15 For <u>this is</u> the will of God,
	Purpose: So that by acting well we silence the ignorance of foolish people.	Explain	that by doing good <u>you should put</u> to silence the ignorance of foolish people.
<b>Manner-Series 1:</b> Even though you are not free under Nero, live in REAL and TRUE freedom that he can't take from you, namely, sin is slavery and true freedom is submission to almighty God.		Idea	16 [You] <u>Live</u> as people
		Explain	<u>who are</u> free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.
<b>Manner-Series 2:</b> Honor all means every human and governments are made up of humans..			17 [You] <u>Honor</u> everyone.
<b>Manner -Series 3:</b> Love fellow believers and government has believers in it.			[You] <u>Love</u> the brotherhood.
<b>Manner -Series 4:</b> Fear almighty God who is ultimate power. But notice we do not fear the king.			[You] <u>Fear</u> God.
<b>Manner -Series 5:</b> Honor God's leaders for power comes from him. Only give fear to God, not men.			[You] <u>Honor</u> the emperor.

### Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 10/18/20 - "Complex Issue, Faithful God"

Notes: What is Peter asking us to do? Obey governments. What is the motivation for this? see the WHY section.

Application: How do we live out this principle in light of the broken world and broken people in broken governments?

- A. We can't just disobey because we don't like it. Peter knew bad government, including direction under Nero to kill Peter, but he obeyed. You may not like paying taxes or the rates or the speed limits, environmental codes, etc. You cannot just pick and choose to obey the ones you like or the ones that make sense.
- B. Obedience does not necessarily mean full-agreement. It's okay to respectfully reflect our displeasure - that is why HONOR is used over and over here. Respect is due not earned.
- C. When the government commands that we sin by disobeying Scripture, our allegiance belongs to God. We obey God. Exodus 1 the midwives fear God and disobey Pharaoh; Esther; Daniel and the God closed the lion's mouths, but he did not spare Peter who also disobeyed Rome and preached. Here is the word of God, we can obey none other.

## C. Living hope produces joyful submission to God's governments.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: WE ARE TO OBEY GOVERNMENTS IN A MANNER OF HONOR, FEARING ONLY GOD.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>We are to act honorably to unbelievers (last section).</p> <p>That includes gentiles in God's government, even the ruthless emperor.</p>	<p>We are called to one action of submitting in honor to God's governments in FIVE manners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. submit as free servants of God.</li> <li>2. submit in honor</li> <li>3. submit in love</li> <li>4. submit because you fear God.</li> <li>5. honor God's leaders not fear them</li> </ol>	<p>Honor - what does it mean to honor someone else? It does not mean they earn our respect or honor but we give it as fellow image bearers. It includes returning an evil behavior with a good behavior.</p> <p>Be subject: Obey joyfully (?)</p>	<p>C v13: be subject to government</p> <p>C v16: live free</p> <p>C v17: honor everyone</p> <p>C v17: love believers</p> <p>C v17: Fear God</p> <p>C v17: Honor the king</p> <p>P-v15: obedient behavior to God will silence the foolish.</p>	<p>God built government and human institutions for the flourishing of people, it was his idea, it is his will to be subject to them (separately, there is a Biblical case to be made for civil disobedience when Governments go bad - see point 3 of sermon notes from Pastor Ryan).</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>WHY are we to be subject to authority of human institutions? 1. For the Lord's sake, because we fear him and love him, 2. Because it is his will. 3. Because we are free, truly free from men and only under God (his leaders are vice-regents but our equals). 4. Because we are called to honor everyone and that include governments. 5. Because we love brothers and there are brothers in government; 6. Because we don't fear them, we fear God and just honor the king;</p>	<p>WHAT two things do emperors send governors to do? 1. Punish evil, 2. praise good;</p> <p>WHAT is the will of God? Act honorably to silence evil behavior from foolish people.</p> <p>WHAT is freedom? Living out from under the bondage that sin brings and serving God.</p>	<p>HOW do we show honor to everyone, even when they do not deserve it because they hate us in slander and persecution? See last section's four reasons to obey.</p>	<p>We don't always like being subject to governments that do not govern well.</p> <p>We like to hide behind our "freedom" and use it as a cover-up for evil and selfishness. That is not freedom but sin is slavery.</p> <p>We are tempted to fear the king and not God but are reminded by Christ to fear God for man can only kill you but God can affect your eternal existence.</p>	<p>Lord, all powerful, all ruling God, from whom all governments receive their power, we worship you. We confess we don't like living under bad authority and want to do our own way. Forgive us. Thank you that in obeying we are really obeying you our of the true freedom you have given us to thrive. We ask that you would increase our love for one another, honoring others above ourselves as Christ exemplified in Philippians 2 by obeying you to death, death on a cross.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 2:18-25	
Main 1: obey your boss in reverent fear, not just the good bosses.			18 Servants, [you] <u>be subject</u> to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.	
Ground 1.1 (Idea): because God values endurance under bad bosses		Idea	19 For <u>this is</u> a gracious thing,	
		Explain	when, mindful of God, <u>one endures</u> sorrows while suffering unjustly.	
Ground 1.2 (Explain): because it is a credit and grace before God for enduring unjust suffering		Ground	20 For what credit <u>is it</u>	
	Action: suffer as a result of doing good	Neg -	If	If, when <u>you sin</u> and <u>are beaten</u> for it,
			Then	[then] <u>you endure</u> ?
		Pos +	If	But if when <u>you do</u> good and <u>suffer</u> for it
			Then	[then] <u>you endure</u> ,
	Result: grace before God		<u>this is</u> a gracious thing in the sight of God.	
Ground 1.3: because God called you to unjust suffering like Christ.		Action	Main	21 For to this <u>you have been called</u> ,
			Ground	because <u>Christ</u> also <u>suffered</u> for you, leaving you an example,
	Idea 1:	Purpose		so that <u>you</u> might <u>follow</u> in his steps.
Explain 1: What ARE Christ's steps in which to follow during unjust suffering? There are FIVE listed.	Series 1: commit no sin		22 <u>He committed</u> no sin,	
	Series 2: tell the truth		neither <u>was deceit found</u> in his mouth.	
	Series 3: don't return slander with slander	Temporal		23 When <u>he was reviled</u> ,
		Main		<u>he did</u> not <u>revile</u> in return;
	Series 4: don't threaten back but entrust your safety/ life to God.	Temporal		when <u>he suffered</u> ,
		Main	Idea	<u>he did</u> not <u>threaten</u> , but <u>continued</u> entrusting himself to him
			Explain	<u>who judges</u> justly.
	Series 5: die to sin and live to righteousness - live healed because he died.	Action: he healed us	Action	24 <u>He</u> himself <u>bore</u> our sins in his body on the tree,
			Purpose	that <u>we</u> might <u>die</u> to sin and <u>live</u> to righteousness.
		Manner: by wounds		By his wounds <u>you have been healed</u> .
Ground: because we were in need of saving - and we HAVE salvation now under our boss' boss.		25 For <u>you were straying</u> like sheep, but <u>have now returned</u> to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.		



**Sermon notes: Pastor Jim 10/24/20, Suffering at Work and Looking to Jesus - Intro:** The average person works 90k hours in a lifetime. Though the context is Roman slavery which Paul does not address reforming the laws here, we respond to masters the same for us today. **The Big Idea:** **As workers, we are to obey those over us.** You may not have man's approval but you have gained God's smiling face over you in Christ's redeeming work. Christ not only shows us how to suffer well, calling us to incarnate him to his world, but he gives us better treasure than the identity work gives.

## D. Living hope produces joyful submission in the workplace.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: SUFFERING FOR DOING GOOD STILL HAS MEANING AND GIVES US FIVE SPECIFIC WAYS TO RESPOND BY WALKING IN CHRIST'S STEPS.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>We are to act honorably to unbelievers (2:12).</p> <p>That includes honoring gentiles in God's government, even the ruthless emperor (last section).</p> <p>And it includes honoring your boss in your work.</p>	<p>Be subject to bosses,</p> <p>Because enduring unjust suffering being mindful of God is gracious,</p> <p>Because suffering for good (not bad) is gracious before God,</p> <p>Because you have been called to suffering following in Christ's FIVE steps.</p>	<p>V18 MASTERS - context was slave owners but not the type of slavery we know, more like contracted labor; RESPECT is also translated in 3:14-15 fear and reverence</p> <p>V20 Credit - same root at grace, gracious</p> <p>V21 THIS - enduring unjust suffering</p> <p>V24 - TREE not cross used for curse, Gal 3;</p>	<p>C v18: be subject to bosses; continuous action verb to keep on being subject</p> <p>P v24: by his wounds and death we are healed of our true sickness - sin.</p> <p>P from greater to lesser: if God can work this much good in Christ's suffering (the greater), then he can do much good in our like suffering (the lesser);</p>	<p>V25: Jesus is the Good Shepherd AND the Overseer of our souls; Overseer means our ultimate master in contrast to MASTER in v18 - God is our boss' boss who is guarding our very SOUL and judge well;</p> <p>Isaiah 53 is quoted here, Jesus THE suffering servant knows what your suffering is like;</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>V18: WHY be subject to masters? 3 grounds (see arcing)</p> <p>V21: WHY called to suffering? Christ suffered, so will his followers.</p> <p>V21: WHAT is included in suffering unjustly and is this passage only about unjust masters not good ones? If Jesus is whose 5 steps we are to walk, suffered not just from masters, this applies to all unjustness.</p> <p>V22: HOW did Christ (do we) respond in unjust suffering? Series 1-5</p> <p>V23: WHY entrust YOURSELF to God? No threatening retaliation means your safety is in God's hand, the wise judge.</p> <p>V24: WHY did Christ take our sins on him? That we die to sin and live to righteousness</p> <p>V24: HOW or in WHAT manner were we set free? By his wounds</p> <p>V20: WHAT results when we endure this? Glory to God - a grace</p> <p>V25: WHY did Christ take our sins? Because we were separated from our Shepherd and boss' Boss and needed restoration.</p>			<p>V25 - we were straying in rebellion in our own way like sheep from the Good Shepherd</p> <p>V22-25: our unshaken meaning and identity in Christ is so much better than what work can provide: it is better to have our sins bored, to die to sin, to live to God, to be healed, to not stray.</p>	<p>O Great Overseer and loving Shepherd, we praise your greatness. Forgive us for looking for meaning and significance apart from you. Thank you that you have called us to not revile back and given us Christ to see how he responded to injustice. Give us courage to do these 5 things and rest in the beauty of our everlasting name we have been given.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 3:1-7	
<b>Series 1 (Action):</b> Wives be subject to your own husband.		Action		1 Likewise, <u>wives</u> , <u>be subject</u> to your own husbands,
		Purpose	If	so that even if <u>some</u> <u>do</u> not <u>obey</u> the word,
			Then	[then] <u>they may be won</u> without a word by the conduct of their wives,
			Temporal	2 when <u>they see</u> your respectful and pure conduct.
<b>Manner:</b> show the true beauty of deep hope in God.		Idea	Neg(-)	3 [You] <u>Do</u> not <u>let</u> your adorning be external -the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear-
			Pos(+)	4 but [you] <u>let</u> your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,
		Explain		<u>which</u> in God's sight <u>is</u> very precious.
<b>Ground:</b> because that's how the OT woman were beautiful.	Action: OT women like Sarah adorned themselves in hope in God.	Main	Idea	5 For <u>this is</u> how the holy women
			Explain	<u>who</u> hoped in God <u>used to adorn</u> themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,
		Comparison		6 as <u>Sarah obeyed</u> Abraham, calling him lord.
	Result: you hope in God like that, you are her family tree.	Ground (probably not IF THEN conditional)		And <u>you are</u> her children,
		Main: you do good because you ARE her children (Carson p1036)	Idea	if <u>you</u> <u>do</u> good and <u>do</u> not <u>fear</u> anything
			Explain	<u>that is</u> frightening.
<b>Series 2:</b> Husbands obey this action command because 1 ground and 1 purpose	Action (Main): live under-standingly with wife		7 Likewise, husbands, [you] <u>live</u> with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel,	
	Ground: because they are co-heirs.		since <u>they are</u> heirs with you of the grace of life,	
	Purpose: so your prayers are heard.		so that your <u>prayers may not be hindered</u> .	

### Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 11/1/20 - God's Good Design for Marriage:

"In any case, these Christian women are subordinate, but their subordination is revolutionary in that they are subordinate not out of fear or desire for social position or other human advantage but out of obedience to Christ, who treats them as full persons and allows them to rise above the threats and fears of this age" (Carson, NT Use of OT, p 1,036).

## E. Living hope enables marriages to thrive by God's design.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: LIVING HOPE PRODUCES JOYFUL SUBMISSION IN MARRIAGE: WIVES PURSUING TRUE BEAUTY OF HOPING IN GOD TO POWER JOYFUL OBEDIENCE, AND HUSBANDS BESTOWING GREAT HONOR THROUGH DETAILED, STUDIED UNDERSTANDING.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Sumarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
We are sojourner and exiles making people see the beauty of the gospel by how we live 2:11 and forward: subject to governments giving honor to others, bosses, and now this week marriage.	(Series 1) Wives (Action) be subject to own husbands (Manner) showing the true beauty of deep hope in God. (Ground) because that's how the OT woman were beautiful  (Series 2) Husbands (Action) live understandingly with wife (Ground) because co-heirs, (Purpose) so that your prayers heard	V1 be subject: willingly and voluntarily putting herself under her husband; it does not imply inferiority but different roles like Jesus submitting to God (1 Cor 15:58); does not mean passive observer; does not mean weak or timid; does not mean husbands domineer; does not mean to contradict God's word;	V1-Wives be subject to own husband V3-4 don't dress just outwardly but inside V7-Husbands live understandingly showing honor  Key word - weaker vessel: generally men hold all Olympic records related to strength; weaker vessel like fine china, daughter of the King not just president's daughter;	V4: God values the imperishable beauty of women who can laugh at the future because of deep, resolved hope in Him.  V7: God grants this life as a gracious gift with him in the broken world with a companion who is equal as co-hier.  V7: God can ignore prayers if not honor your wife
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
v1-WHY be subject to husbands? 1. It's an opportunity to advance the gospel-husbands saved (v1-2); 2. Because it demonstrates their trust in God-inward character over extravagant dress (v3-4); V5-6-BECAUSE OT women beautifully hoped in God not first hoping in their husbands, you too can submit to your husband. V7-WHY live understandingly? 1. She is valuable, 2. She is co-heir, 3. Your prayers to not be hindered;	WHAT is to be learned from Sarah (WHY pick her here?): not fearing birth at 90 years old.  V3-4-WHAT does good submission look like? It is not beautiful hair and clothes. It is deep hope in God resulting in contentment, a quiet spirit of beauty. It is not fearing what normally is to be feared because your hope in God in somehow he will fulfill his promise like Isaac born to 90+ year olds.	V3-4-HOW do you submit in respectful and pure conduct? Seeing the favor of God over your gentle and quiet spirit before Him - your contentment in God. You submit first to God who is Good. V7-HOW show honor to your wife? Be the best student in the world of her and understand how she feels and thinks and hopes and fears;	Husbands: ask your wife, how can I live with you in a more understanding way?  Wives: what can I do to better fulfill my role in marriage?  V6-There are real things in this world that are frightening but fear is avoided as our deep hope in God gives us genuine assurance.	God of all beauty, we hope in you. We confess we want to use marriage for our own selfish ends and exploitation. Thank you for co-hiers in this gracious gift of life with you through this broken world that your Son is redeeming. Please help me to pour out my life by growing in deeper, detailed understanding of what speaks love and value and worth to my wife, using all in my power to build up reasons for her hope in you.

Arcing:				Passage: 1 Peter 3:8-12
<b>Main 1:</b> Have 5 attitudes towards one another, and 2. Return blessing for evil,	Series 1:			8 Finally, all of you, [ <u>you</u> ] <u>have</u> unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.
	Series 2	Action (Main)	Neg (-)	9 [ <u>You</u> ] <u>Do not repay</u> evil for evil or reviling for reviling,
			Pos (+)	but on the contrary, [ <u>you</u> ] <u>bless</u> ,
		Ground		for to this <u>you were called</u> ,
		Purpose		that you <u>may obtain</u> a blessing.
<b>Ground 1:</b> because you desire to love life and see good days (quotes Psalm 34 here and in Ground 2 also)		If		10 For " <u>Whoever desires</u> to love life and see good days,
		Then	Series	let <u>him keep</u> his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;
			Series	11 let <u>him turn away</u> from evil and <u>do</u> good;
			Series	let <u>him seek</u> peace and <u>pursue</u> it.
		Pos (+)	Series	12 For the <u>eyes</u> of the Lord <u>are</u> on the righteous,
<b>Ground 2:</b> because you are in relationship with the God who sees and hears you in love.			Series	and his <u>ears are</u> open to their prayer.
		Neg (-)	Idea	But the <u>face</u> of the Lord <u>is</u> against those
			Explain	<u>who do</u> evil."

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 11/8/20 - "THE WAY FORWARD" - Intro:** How are Christians supposed to relate to others? Vs8 points out that Peter is talking to followers of Christ.

**The Big Idea / Headline:** What is the blue-print for healthy relationships?

1. Show brotherly love to one another. 2. Repay evil with a blessing. 3. We do what is good or right, regardless of how the world responds. This is found in v10 which is then unpacked in vs 13-17 even if living good goes bad for us. Why do we need to defend or explain our hope? Because we have not responded like the world giving evil for evil, where did you get that power? WHY do you do that? Why do you live in brotherly love and empathy when that is not how you are treated?

## F. Living hope transforms all our relationships in community.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: INVEST WELL THROUGH MESSY RELATIONSHIPS BECAUSE YOU HAVE GOD.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
After addressing government, work, and marriage, here are some principles for thriving relationships in general.	<p>(Main) 1. Have 5 attitudes towards one another, and 2. Return blessing for evil,</p> <p>(Ground) because you are built to desire to love life and see good days</p> <p>(Ground) and because you are in close relationship with the God who sees you and hears you in love.</p>	<p>Reviling: “criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner” (Oxford Dictionary)</p> <p>V9 - Bless: Calvin connects this to mean praying for the ungodly one; its not enough to keep mouth shut. As Jesus did, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”</p>	<p>C: have 5 attributes</p> <p>C: repay evil with blessing</p> <p>P: repay evil with blessing results in blessing</p> <p>C: mouth not speak evil or deceit</p> <p>C: turn from evil and do good</p> <p>C: seek peace and pursue</p> <p>P: these 3 command generally results in loving life by seeing good days (?);</p> <p>P: God watches righteous</p>	<p>V9 God calls people into obedience</p> <p>V12 God is for and watches the righteous and listens to them pray</p> <p>V12 God takes a stance against those who do evil.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>V9 WHY give a blessing? 1. We were called by God to do that, 2. We obtain a blessing of the joy of obedience.</p> <p>V8: WHY have these 5 attitudes and blessing for evil? See FLOW box;</p>	<p>V8: WHAT do thriving relationships look like? Like family because we have same Father;</p> <p>V9: WHAT are you supposed to do with reviling / slander? Give a blessing - prayer on their behalf.</p>	<p>HOW give a blessing when get a reviling?</p> <p>HOW does one obtain the GOOD LIFE (love life and see good days)? Watch you tongue; do good; seek and pursue peace;</p>	<p>We desire to love life and see good days but we need to be reminded that we often naturally respond in ways that do not show empathy and honor (the 5 traits in vs8 and v9’s giving a blessing for receiving evil.</p> <p>It is supernatural by the HS’s power to pray, give a blessing, when receiving evil.</p>	<p>O God who creates life to be loved and has good days his own, we praise you. We confess our selfishness and thus dishonor of one another. We are thankful for Christ who lived a live of blessing to those who cursed him, and that counts for me. Cause us, Lord, to live other-worldly loving those around us, even those who give us evil.</p>

Arcing:				Passage: 1 Peter 3:13-17
<b>Question:</b> with implied answer “no one”; but if someone does, God blesses you.	Pos (+)	Main	Then	13 Now <u>who is</u> there to harm you
			If	if <u>you are</u> zealous
		Ground		for <u>what is</u> good?
	Neg (-)		If	14 But even if <u>you should suffer</u> for righteousness' sake,
			Then	[then] <u>you will be</u> blessed.
<b>Action:</b> 1. Do not fear them or be troubled, 2. But in contrast honor Christ BY explaining logical hope.	Neg (-)		Series	[You] <u>Have</u> no fear of them,
			Series	nor [ <u>you</u> ] <u>be</u> troubled,
	Pos (+)			15 but in your hearts [ <u>you</u> ] <u>honor</u> Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone
		Main	Idea	<u>who asks</u> you for a reason for the hope
			Explain	<u>that is</u> in you;
		Concessive		yet [ <u>you</u> ] <u>do</u> it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience,
		<b>Result:</b> Evil will be put to shame.		
			Main	<u>those</u> who revile your good behavior in Christ <u>may be put</u> to shame.
<b>Ground:</b> because God can will suffering for doing good.			Pos (+)	17 For <u>it is</u> better to suffer for doing good,
	Main for the Ground in next section.		Neg (-)	if <u>that should be</u> God's will, than for doing evil.

**Pastor Gavin Johnson, City Light Church**, Omaha on 11/1/20: Peter give us reasons we don't need to fear opposition (v13-17), or fear judgment (v18), or fear the demonic (v19-20);

**WHY does Peter use Psalm 34?** Psalm 34 is a favorite passage of Peter's to quote (vs10-12). “Just as God delivered David from the dangers implicit in his sojourn among the Philistines, so also God will deliver Peter's Christian readers from their sojourn among their pagan communities. But they are to make no mistake: God cherishes righteousness and promises ultimate judgment on the wicked. Whether under the terms of the Old Covenant or the New, the privilege of belonging to God's redeemed people brings with it the grateful, grace driven responsibility to pursue righteousness and holiness, not to presume on God's grace while trying to live no differently from the world” (Carson p1,038).



## 1. Sometimes when you act well like this to others, people will slander you.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: BE READY TO LOGICALLY ARTICULATE THE HOPE YOU HAVE WHICH FUELS YOU BLESSING OTHERS WHEN YOU ARE SLANDERED.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>Action: do what is good v10 “GOOD” days, v13, however, evil can be the response to good action, namely, suffer for this good life. V17 book-ends this “good” repeated word. Is that okay to keep living the good life even when it can result in slander? Yes, God blesses you, Christ is honored by your hope, evil will be shamed, and when this happens God has willed it.</p>	<p>(Question): Who will harm you for doing this good (v8, 10-11)? The implied answer is “no one”; but if someone does, God blesses you.</p> <p>(Actions): 1. Do not fear them or be troubled, 2. But in contrast honor Christ BY explaining logical hope.</p> <p>(Result): Evil will be put to shame.</p> <p>(Ground): because God can will suffering for doing good.</p>	<p>Slander: it is evil and connects with v9 doing evil or reviling.</p> <p>Honor-v15: “If the Lord Christ is rightly sanctified in the hearts of his people, they will fear him, and no other” (Carson p. 1,038).</p>	<p>P-v14: you will be blessed by God suffering for righteousness</p> <p>C-v14: do not fear those who do evil against you.</p> <p>C-v15: honor Christ by having reasonably articulated hope.</p> <p>C-v15: explain your hope with respect and gentleness.</p> <p>P-v16: those who do evil to you will be judged on the last day</p>	<p>v17 - It is God’s will, not somehow him out of control or powerless, that we suffer.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>-WHY do we need to defend or explain our hope? Because we have not responded like the world giving evil for evil, where did you get that power from good hope?</p> <p>-WHY not fear opposition: you will be blessed by God and they will be put to shame, and its God’s will.</p>	<p>V13-WHAT normally happens in society and relationships when you display the 5 traits in vs8 towards others? No one is there to harm you. People like that. However, even if slander happens there, God blesses you personally.</p> <p>V16 - WHEN will they be put to shame? At the judgment when all comes to light.</p>	<p>V15 - HOW do we honor Christ? By having a well-thoughtout logic for our hope articulated in our own words, unpacking it gently with respect to others.</p>	<p>It is natural for us to fear those who treat us poorly for doing good, or treating with evil and slander, forgetting our blessing from God</p>	<p>Oh Father, you are the righteous judge and we worship you. Forgive us for our short sighted fear of men and not having a long view of your blessing which is far more valuable. Thank you for one day making all things right in perfect justice. We ask that you would help us live with beautiful hope that is articulated reasonably with gentleness and respect thereby bringing Christ honor.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 3:18-22
<b>Ground:</b> because Christ suffered terribly for doing such great good: what good?  He saved us by his righteousness, he brought us to God, he proclaimed the gospel, he baptized us, he has bodily been seated at God's right hand.  Because Jesus was victorious through his suffering, we will be too. This is to build our hope.	<b>Action:</b> Christ's suffering brings us to God.	Action	18 For <u>Christ</u> also <u>suffered</u> once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
		Purpose	that <u>he might bring</u> us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,
	<b>Manner:</b> this message of his suffering was proclaimed patiently in Noah's day.	Main	19 in which <u>he went</u> and <u>proclaimed</u> to the spirits in prison, (the disobedient in Noah's day in prison now)
		Ground	20 because <u>they</u> formerly <u>did not obey</u> ,
		Temporal	when God's <u>patience waited</u> in the days of Noah,
		Idea	while the <u>ark was being prepared</u> , in which a few,
		Explain	<u>that is</u> ,
			eight <u>persons</u> , <u>were brought</u> safely through water.
	<b>Comparison:</b> as Noah suffered slander on building an ark but few were saved, so God will save the few from the slander experienced in the 1st century as we are baptized into Christ (Gal 2).	Idea: through Jesus	21 <u>Baptism</u> , which corresponds to this, now <u>saves</u> you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
		Explain: What about Jesus? the Jesus who is the ruler over all.	22 <u>who has gone</u> into heaven and <u>is</u> at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

### Sermon notes: Pastor Jim 11/15/20 - The Suffering Christ is also The Victorious Christ

Baptism is a picture of salvation just like the ark was a picture of salvation from the judgment through the water of the flood. Jesus took our judgment and we all deserved to go under the water like the wicked at Noah's day, but Jesus went under the water of death on the cross for or sin and he was raised up from the water in newness of life. Baptism is not an external work like removing dirt but an internal work through Jesus.

**What is the point of the Noah comparison:** "The same floodwaters that destroyed many saved the few; the same visitation that brings catastrophic judgment on unrepentant sinners brings glory of salvation to the relatively few in Asia Minor... The pagans of Noah's time did not repent, and it should come as no surprise that many in the first century will similarly remain unrepentant. In other words, the reference to Noah and his family, not least the mention of small numbers, is meant to be a substantial encouragement to small numbers of believers in Christ Jesus who are facing ridicule from unbelievers in their own time after all, they experience grace from the same God who showed grace to Noah" (Carson p1,039).

## 2. Christ suffered well under similar treatment in order to bring us to God and to live holy.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: CHRIST SUFFERED THAT WE MAY BE MADE ALIVE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
It is better to suffer for doing good than evil - consider Christ who did just that. Vs 18 uses the word "also" to connect to the previous section "who is to harm you for doing good?" For Jesus that was mankind, especially the Pharisees who were jealous of his good behavior and love for the people (see Mark 1-2);	<p>(Main v17): because God can will suffering for doing good.</p> <p>(Ground): because Christ suffered terribly for doing such great good: what good?</p> <p>He saved us by his righteousness, he brought us to God, he proclaimed the gospel, he baptized us, he has bodily been seated at God's right hand.</p>	<p>WHO are the spirits? The fallen angels who disobeyed God in the days of Noah, the Nephlehim who Jesus proclaims his victory speech over them now (Pastor Johnson's argument); however there is no redemption of angels in Scripture, just people. Pastor Jim says they are the evil people slandering Noah - the view of Augustine, Calvin, Piper.</p> <p>Good conscience: v21, Peter uses same word used in 2:19 and 3:16</p>	<p>P-v18: Christ's suffering that killed him bring us alive to God.</p>	<p>v18-Jesus is the ultimate example of giving a blessing for evil, righteousness to the unrighteousness (3:9)</p> <p>v20-God is patient with disobedient people, we see that as he waited years for more to be saved from the flood.</p> <p>V22-Jesus moves from surrounded by enemies v18 to having all angels, authorities, and powers subjected to him, now.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>-WHY did Jesus suffer for doing good? To bring us to God.</p> <p>-WHY not fear judgment? Christ suffered once for sin.</p> <p>-WHY not fear the demonic? Jesus is victorious over them.</p>	<p>-In WHAT manner did Christ do this good? V19-22 he proclaimed the gospel in the OT through his prophets, he baptized us, he has bodily been seated at God's right hand.</p> <p>-WHAT are we supposed to learn from the comparison Peter uses to Noah? See Carson quote here in sermon notes.</p>	<p>-HOW did Christ bring us to God? v18 by putting to death our flesh and making us alive by his Spirit.</p> <p>-HOW often must we suffer for our sins? V18 we do not, Christ did ONCE - in Christ we are forgiven now.</p> <p>-HOW do we get a good conscience? V21 through Jesus rising from the dead.</p>	<p>We need a new conscience, and we need it from God, and we get it through Christ suffering once the righteous for the unrighteous.</p> <p>We are disobedient and are saved through God's patience. We have more in common with the disobedient at Noah's day than the 2nd hero of this story.</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, we worship you as you sit today highly exalted in bodily form at the father's right hand with all authorities subjected to you. Forgive our disobedience to your loving rule. Thank you for dying for us WHILE we were still sinners. Help us to suffer well for good just like Christ did, help us to bless / pray when evil is done against us.</p>

Arcing:				Passage: 1 Peter 4:1-6
<b>Inference:</b> Because Christ died in flesh that he took on like our flesh,				1 Since therefore <u>Christ suffered</u> in the flesh,
<b>Main:</b> Put to death the deeds of the flesh,				[ <u>you</u> ] <u>arm</u> yourselves with the same way of thinking,
<b>Ground:</b> because suffering for good like Christ means you are no longer slaves to sin,				for <u>whoever</u> <u>has suffered</u> in the flesh <u>has ceased</u> from sin, 2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh (-) no longer for human passions (+) but for the will of God.
<b>Ground:</b> because time is up to live in sin and be a slave to it,	Action: Gentiles wanted sin, filling up time past.		Idea	3 For the <u>time</u> that is past <u>suffices</u> for doing what
			Explain	the <u>Gentiles want</u> to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.
	Result: 1. They are surprised you don't join in sin, 2. They malign you for it, 3. They will give an account.	Series (-)	Main	4 With respect to this <u>they are surprised</u>
			Temporal	when <u>you do</u> not <u>join</u> them in the same flood of debauchery,
		Series (-)		and <u>they malign</u> you;
		Series (+)	Idea	5 but <u>they will give</u> account to him
Explain	<u>who is</u> ready to judge the living and the dead.			
<b>Ground:</b> because the gospel was preached that we might be alive in spirit.	Action:			6 For <u>this is</u> why
				the <u>gospel was preached</u>
				even to those <u>who are</u> [now] dead,
	Purpose:			that though judged in the flesh the way <u>people are</u> ,
				<u>they might live</u> in the spirit the way God does.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 11/22/20 - Of Scoreboards and Suffering:** Half-hearted Herbert is a favorite children's book character in their house. Like Herbert, we often embrace truth but half-heartedly obey. We want to love like Jesus but here we are called to suffer like him too.

1. **There is a command to follow:** arm yourself with Christ's suffering mindset. Obedience to God is more important and valuable and joy giving than what suffering we may experience for it. This is like the suffering to undergo surgery or child birth for the treasure on the other side.
2. **There is a reality of which to be aware:** when you don't join them into their sin, they will be surprised and often malign you. They were surprised when Jesus ate with sinners.
3. **There is a big picture we need to remember:** judgment is coming even though today the scoreboard does not look very good for Christians sometimes. Don't let the first quarter score

fool you. It's the final score that matters. And, if you are in Christ, you already have his favor and approval. That will keep us from being discouraged and motivate us to share this hope.

### 3. Christ's suffering enables us to crucify our flesh and sinful desires.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: CHRIST'S SUFFERING MEANS I AM NO LONGER A SLAVE TO SIN.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>Flow: What are we supposed to do with the example Christ set on suffering well for doing good? Answer: not bring suffering on ourselves for doing evil, the evil we are dead to now in Christ.</p> <p>Inference v1: Because Christ died in the flesh that he took on like our flesh,</p> <p>Main v1: I am called to crucify my flesh,</p> <p>Ground v1-2: Reason 1 - because I don't have to suffer for doing wrong because I am no longer a slave to sin,</p> <p>Ground v3-5: Reason 2 - because time is up to live in sin and be a slave to it like non-believers,</p> <p>Ground v6: Reason 3- because the gospel was preached that we might be alive in spirit to do good and not be ashamed at the judgment.</p>	<p>Passions: v2 used again in this book as epi-desires</p> <p>V1: Arm - war term because we are in a real battle</p> <p>V6: dead who receive gospel preached = those dead now who had heard the good news; not preached to those in hell; even though one day we will all die, you are alive if you are in Christ and will stand with him in victory one day.</p> <p>V6: Judged in the flesh = give an account for behavior</p>	<p>C: v1 Arm yourself with Christ's suffering mindset for doing good - Choose obedience over comfort and likability;</p> <p>FLESH: The Scripture recommends to us a twofold likeness in the death of Christ, that we are to be conformed to him in reproaches and troubles, and also that the old man being dead and extinct in us, we are to be renewed to a spiritual life. (Also Philippians 3:10, Romans 6:4) (Calvin p120).</p>	<p>V2: God has a will for us and this broken world.</p> <p>V6: God has compassion on the dead spiritually and brings them the hope of the gospel.</p>	
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>V1 WHY arm ourselves with Christ's mindset on suffering? 3 ground statements.</p> <p>V6 WHY was the gospel preached? That we might have life in our spirit</p>	<p>WHAT was Christ's mindset on suffering? 3:14-blessed by God; 3:14-no reason to live in fear of them</p> <p>V2-lived for the will of God;</p> <p>V4-suffering / slander did not surprise him</p> <p>V5-trusted the Judge</p> <p>WHAT results from Gentile sinning? V4-5 series of 3 results (see arc table)</p>	<p>V1 HOW do we make it through suffering for doing good? With Christ's mindset on suffering.</p>	<p>By nature we want to do this list of debauchery, it comes naturally to us; its seeds of destruction are in our fallen nature we all share (Calvin p124)</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, we worship you for you selfless death. Forgive us for our sins of lawless idolatry. Thank you for making me alive in my spirit with Christ. Help me to put to death, to crucify, my sinful desires the same way Christ was crucified for me in his flesh.</p>

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 4:7-11	
<b>Inference:</b> because the end is near and we will be judged in the flesh too (4:6), be self-controlled and sober minded in your prayer life.			Main	7 The <u>end</u> of all things <u>is</u> at hand;
			Inference	therefore [ <u>you</u> ] <u>be</u> self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
<b>Action:</b> Love earnestly while we wait			Main	8 Above all, [ <u>you</u> ] <u>keep loving</u> one another earnestly,
			Ground	since <u>love covers</u> a multitude of sins.
<b>Manner (Series 1):</b> by showing gracious hospitality				9 [ <u>You</u> ] <u>Show</u> hospitality to one another without grumbling.
<b>Manner (Series 2):</b> by using received gifts to build others' faith for God's glory through Jesus in you by his Spirit. (Calvin makes the case that these 2 Manners unpack the 1 Action)	Idea (Action)		Manner	10 As <u>each</u> <u>has received</u> a gift,
			Action	[ <u>you</u> ] <u>use</u> it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
	Explain	Series 1: out-front giftings	Action	11 <u>whoever speaks</u> , as one
			Manner	<u>who speaks</u> oracles of God;
		Series 2: behind the scenes giftings	Action	<u>whoever serves</u> , as one
			Manner	<u>who serves</u> by the strength that God supplies-
	Purpose			in order that in everything <u>God may be</u> glorified through Jesus Christ.
				To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Jim, 11/29/20 - The end is near, therefore, live!** Many people have predicted what day Jesus will return to take away his church. They have been wrong. Peter calls us to be mindful the end is coming and live for the glory of God in the meantime. Pray. Love others by literally being stretched out by them and for them. Forgive others. Peter was the one who asked Jesus when he can be done forgiving someone? Jesus answered Peter 70x7 or infinity, keep going, don't give up on them, echo's in Peter's head here v8. Hospitality is being generous to honor guests and is not excluded just to your homes. God gives gifts for activism in the church not consumerism from the church.

#### **Love COVERS a multitude of sins - Peter quotes Proverbs 10:12 (also used in James 5:20):**

"Peter is not making a theological statement about sins being forgiven by God, "covered" in that sense; still less as he saying it is all right to "cover-up" sins by refusing to deal with offenses that must on occasion be confronted. Rather, this is the love that breaks the downward spiral of wounded sensibilities, hard feelings, nurtured bitterness, dissension, and vendetta... This exhortation is of a piece with the recurring New Testament theme that evil is not overcome merely by refraining from doing it; we must overcome evil with good. It is not enough to break a bad habit; It is essential to love Jesus more, to want eternal things more. It is not enough not to retaliate against an enemy; it is essential to love one's enemy. So too here in 1 Peter 4:8 it is not enough to try to be faithful ourselves, to put up with abuse from outsiders and if necessary assume a defensive posture with



fellow believers. That will merely fester into hatred. Because we belong to Christ, we are to overcome evil with good” (DA Carson p.1,040).

# HEADLINE SENTENCE: WHAT IS THE BEHAVIOR LIKE THAT IS BECOMING OF GOD’S GLORY? PRAYER AND LOVE

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Sumarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p>Coninuted from 4:1 section: the evil doers must give an account to God for their lewdness (4:6), and Christ followers are also to remember that the end is near to when they will be judged in the flesh too. Therefore, we must have behavior that is becoming of God for his glory.</p> <p>WHAT is that behavior like? Self-controlled and sober minded thinking; loving others; being hospitable; using giftings to build others up.</p>	<p>(Ground from 4:6 - Series 1 - unbelievers will be judged in the flesh,</p> <p>(Ground Series 2): and believers will be judged in the flesh,</p> <p>(Inference): therefore be self-controlled and sober minded</p> <p>(Action): love earnestly</p> <p>(Manner-Series 1): by showing gracious hospitality</p> <p>(Manner-Series 2): by using received gifts to build others’ faith for God’s glory through Jesus.</p>	<p>- V7 Sober-minded: aware of the brokenness of the world and its place of spiritual warfare. Realistic about abilities and hopeful in God’s power; clear, focused</p> <p>- V7 for the sake of your prayers: reminding us our weakness and his power (Calvin 128).</p> <p>- V8 earnestly - literally stretched out</p> <p>- V10: varied grace: “everyone has need of the help and aid of his brother” (Calvin 130)</p> <p>- V11: With God’s oracles = Christ in OT &amp; NT revealing God</p>	<p>C - V7: be self-controlled and sober-minded</p> <p>C - V8: keep loving others</p> <p>C - V9: be hospitable</p> <p>C - V10: use gifts from God for others</p> <p>P - V11: God will be glorified by us as we are united with Christ.</p>	<p>-V6-7: he is the judge to whom we will give an account at the end.</p> <p>-V7: he takes pleasure in humility of mind in our prayers.</p> <p>-V8: as the source of Love he covers sin in us for others</p> <p>-V10: he gives gifts to people to use to build up others AND v11 for His glory.</p> <p>-V10: his gifts of grace are multifaceted and varied</p> <p>-V11: he speaks oracles revealing himself to mankind</p> <p>-V11: he gives strength and is everlasting</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>- V7 WHY be self-controlled and sober minded? a. Because the end of all things is at hand, b. For our prayer’s sake.</p> <p>- V8 WHY love earnestly? quotes Prov 10:12 Because love breaks downward spirals in others (see Carson quote).</p> <p>- V10 WHY are we to use our giftings from God? V11: Because Jesus in us glorifies God.</p> <p>- V7 HOW do we live in these last days? Self-controlled sober-minded</p> <p>- V8-11 HOW are we to love earnestly? A. By hospitality, B. By using gifts to build up others and humbly connecting us to them (Calvin)</p> <p>- V8 WHAT does loving others look like? Not giving up on them</p> <p>- V9 HOW are we to do hospitality? Without grumbling.</p> <p>- V10 HOW are we to use our gifts? To serve us? No, serve one another as stewards of God’s giftings.</p> <p>- V11 HOW are we to speak? With God’s oracles</p> <p>- V11 HOW are we to serve? With God’s strength he provides not just our resources</p> <p>- V11 HOW is God glorified? Through Jesus to whom we are united at our new birth actually now bearing fruit for God (Rom 8:1-4); God likes us not just loves us/tolerates us because he loves Jesus (Kapic)</p>			<p>We confess that we mainly want to love those who love us and give up on those who treat us poorly, even in the believing community.</p> <p>We confess that we are selfish rather than welcoming people in honor in any space in hospitality.</p> <p>We confess we like using our gifts for our glory not others’ help.</p>	<p>God, glory and dominion belong to you now and forever. We confess that there is selfishness in our love. Forgive us. Thank you for revealing yourself to us as the God who speaks, giving gifts and providing strength to love others not just tolerate them. Please help us to “stretch out” ourselves for others which glorifies you and brings us joy. In Christ, Amen.</p>

Arcing:				Passage: 1 Peter 4:12-19
Idea: Do not be surprised at the fiery trials you face but rejoice.	Neg (-): Don't be surprised.		Main	12 Beloved, [you] <u>do</u> not <u>be</u> surprised at the fiery trial
			Temporal	when <u>it comes</u> upon you to test you,
			Comparison	as though <u>something</u> strange <u>were happening</u> to you.
	Pos (+): Rejoice.	Action	Then	13 But [you] <u>rejoice</u>
			If	insofar as <u>you share</u> Christ's sufferings,
		Purpose	Main	that <u>you may</u> also <u>rejoice</u> and <u>be</u> glad
			Temporal	when his <u>glory is revealed</u> .
Explain: Reproaches are one example of suffering, and it makes you blessed not ashamed.	Pos (+): You are blessed when insulted for Christ.		If	14 If <u>you are insulted</u> for the name of Christ,
			Then	[then] <u>you are</u> blessed,
			Ground	because the <u>Spirit</u> of glory and of God <u>rests</u> upon you.
	Neg (-): Don't suffer for doing evil.			15 But [you] <u>let</u> none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.
	Concessive	If		16 Yet if <u>anyone suffers</u> as a Christian,
	Main	Then	Neg (-)	[then <u>you</u> ] <u>let</u> him not be ashamed,
			Pos (+)	but [you] <u>let</u> him glorify God in that name.
Ground: Why? Because the Judge will punish evildoers causing this suffering, and he will save us. Jesus judges sheep before goats		Progression		17 For <u>it is</u> time for judgment to begin at the household of God;
		Progression	If	and if <u>it begins</u> with us,
			Then (idea)	[then] <u>what will be</u> the outcome for those
			Explain	<u>who do</u> not <u>obey</u> the gospel of God?
		Progression	If	18 And "If the <u>righteous is</u> scarcely saved,
			Then	[then] <u>what will become</u> of the ungodly and the sinner?"
Inference: Because we can rejoice in our suffering, even insults, because there is a Judge, keep doing the good that got you the suffering even if you still get insults.				19 Therefore [you] <u>let</u> those who suffer according to God's will <u>entrust</u> their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 12/6/20 - Suffering Now, Glory Later:** Suffering is real but does not have to have the final word. There are five encouraging truth's that Peter wants us to have in facing suffering: 1. Don't be surprised by suffering v12. Suffering hurts enough - don't add to it by being sad that you are suffering. It is part of the Christian life in a broken world destroyed by sin (John 16, 2 Tim 3:12, Luke 6 Jesus says woe to you if all men speak well of you). 2. Eternity is coming v13.

This later glory gives us the possibility of joy today (Rom 8:17). Encourage one another not by downplaying that it is not that hard but remember how good the future glory will be. 3. Don't miss the blessing of suffering, its not shame v14. 4. Don't suffer for doing evil v15. 5. Don't give into despair v19. Peter says these trails come as tests to make us more complete and God is even over this sovereignly v12. So, do we trust God? God is good, faithful, and in control. Can he be trusted? Rom 8:32 says he already proved his love by giving us his Son, the hardest, he will not hold the smaller from you too.

## H. Living hope enables us to endure suffering.

### HEADLINE SENTENCE:

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p><b>Tie:</b> Their abusers will also have to give an account to God (goats v5) like they will (sheep v7-11). How to make it through abuse: <b>Flow:</b> (<i>Idea</i>) Do not be surprised at the fiery trials you face but rejoice. (<i>Explain</i>) Insults are one example of suffering, and it makes you blessed not ashamed. (<i>Ground</i>) Why? Because the Judge will punish evildoers causing this suffering, and he will save us. (<i>Inference</i>) Because we can rejoice in our suffering, even in insults, because there is a Judge, keep doing the good that got you the suffering even if you still get insults.</p>		<p>v15 Meddler - interfere without right or propriety (Miram Webster); invites suffering into their lives just like murders and thieves.</p> <p>V15-that name: Christian, Christ follower</p>	<p>C-v12: don't be surprised C-v13: rejoice P-v14: there is blessing to be had and not shame for suffering for Christ because HS in you. C-v15: do not murder or steal or meddle</p>	<p>-V13 Christ suffered and will have his glory fully revealed someday. -V14 God rests on us by his in dwelling HS -V17-18 God judges the sheep &amp; goats -V19 God ordains a path and can be trusted because he is faithful and creates.</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
V14 WHY is there a blessing in suffering? We get the Spirit - in the same way the Spirit was on Jesus to endure suffering (Peter quotes Isaiah 11:2) and applies it to us, the same Spirit is on us (Carson p1,041).	V12 WHAT suffering does Peter have in mind? Cancer? Sin causing the broken world. Specifically, harsh treatment, reproach which is "often more bitterness in them than in the loss goods or bodily torment" (Calvin 135).	<p>V19 HOW do we keep doing good in suffering? By entrusting ourselves to God.</p> <p>V19 WHERE have you seen this faithful Creator? Rom 8:32 not spared his own son.</p>	<p>-V12 Even though we read this we are still surprised when suffering comes on us and not others. -V15: Meddling is in our sinful nature just like hate and envy from the sermon on the mount. -V17 we are impatient for God's justice</p>	<p>Lord, your glory rests on us in your Holy Spirit, and we worship. We confess our surprise over just how broken this world is and our impatience for your justice. Thank you for replacing shame with blessing. Help us to keep doing good.</p>

**Sermon notes: College Pastor, City Light Church, 11/15/20; The Big Idea / Headline: Don't waste your suffering, but learn how to face it.**

1. Don't be surprised but rejoice v12-13: We often underestimate what God is doing in suffering and overestimate Satan's power. Just because we cannot always come up with a reason WHY our suffering happened, does not mean that there is not one since that proves that there is a God beyond us and transcendent. Rejoice in the midst of your suffering: because you are sharing in

Christ's suffering v13; what does that mean? We incarnate Christ's suffering to the world who has not visibly seen him but now has a glimpse of what that must have been like and how the Holy Spirit sustains you. We look like Jesus.

2. Do not be ashamed but be blessed v14: When you suffer for good you are blessed and the Holy Spirit rests upon you. Peter in v12 starts with "beloved" and this mirrors what God said of Jesus at his baptism when the Spirit rested upon him right before being tempted in the wilderness.
3. Don't be destroyed by it, but be purified by it v17-19: All suffering is judgment from original sin, Fire either destroys the non-believer or purifies the believer. Inference / therefore: entrust your soul to your faithful creator and keep doing good.

Arcing:			Passage: 1 Peter 5:1-5
<b>Inference:</b> Because we suffer together in this broken world, elders help the sheep endure by shepherding.		Idea	1 So I <u>exhort</u> the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory
		Explain	<u>that is going to be revealed</u> :
<b>Action:</b> You shepherd		Idea	2 [you] <u>shepherd</u> the flock of God
<b>Manner:</b> by leading with willing-oversight.		Explain	<u>that is</u> among you, exercising oversight, [-] not under compulsion, [+] but willingly,
<b>Comparison:</b> Elders, lead by serving as Christ served, how God would have you serve.		Comparison	as <u>God would have</u> you; [-] not for shameful gain, [+] but eagerly; [-] 3 not domineering over those in your charge, [+] but being examples to the flock.
<b>Result:</b> You will receive the unfading crown of glory.		Temporal	4 And when the chief <u>Shepherd appears</u> ,
		Main	<u>you will receive</u> the unfading crown of glory.
<b>Comparison:</b> Just as elders submit to God (v1-4), submit to those older and be humble toward one another because the humble get grace from God not his opposition	Main	Series 1	5 Likewise, <u>you</u> who are younger, <u>be subject</u> to the elders.
		Series 2	[You] <u>Clothe</u> yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,
	Ground		for " <u>God</u> [-] <u>opposes</u> the proud [+] but <u>gives</u> grace to the humble."

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 1/3/21 - Shepherding the Flock of God:** Induction of two new elders for E-Free church; Intro: I am not an elder so why do I care? It is in God's word. It is good to know what the Bible says to hold elders accountable for your leadership; Big Idea: there are five questions

to highlight in this passage: 1. What is an elder? It is one of two leadership roles in the church, this one dedicated to teaching the word and prayer. The NT teaches shared leadership not one super vote. 2. What do elders do? V2 shepherd God's people by exercising oversight - feed, direct, protect, lead by example, love the flock. 3. What is an elder mindset? Three pairs (see HOW notes); 4. Why aspire to elder role? V4 receive unfading crown of glory in a world of non-lasting things; 5. How should the church body relate to elders? Joyfully submit. And be humble to one another as we all have different roles in the church but under the same God / Chief Shepherd.

## I. Living hope produces submission in the church.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: SUBMIT TO ELDERS AND IN HUMILITY SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S FAVOR.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Sumarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p><b>TIE:</b> V1 So: because your souls are entrusted to God even while you suffer, elders, remind God’s followers of this truth in a myriad of personal ways, encouraging their faith in God.</p> <p><b>FLOW:</b> <u>Inference:</u> Because we suffer together in this broken world, elders help the sheep endure by shepherding.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> You shepherd</p> <p><u>Manner:</u> by leading with willing-oversight.</p> <p><u>Comparison:</u> Elders, lead by serving as Christ served, how God would have you serve.</p> <p><u>Result:</u> You will receive the unfading crown of glory.</p> <p><u>Comparison:</u> Just as elders submit to God (v1-4), submit to those older and be humble toward one another because the humble get grace from God not his opposition</p>	<p>-V1 Witness: not only the doctrine of Jesus suffering but actually showing others what that suffering was like in your own life (Colossians 1). Calvin 144</p> <p>-V5 Humility: “being emptied of every confidence in their own power, wisdom, and righteousness, seek every good from God alone” (Calvin 148).</p> <p>-V5 Elders: “Then he refers to the elders in age, having before spoken of the office; and as he comes from the particular to the general” (Calvin 147).</p> <p>-P v1: Glory will be revealed</p> <p>-C v2: shepherd God’s people, provide willing over site eagerly as examples</p> <p>-P v4: a glorious crown is for those who do</p> <p>-C v5: submit to those older and to one another</p> <p>-P v5: God lavishly pours grace on the humble</p>	<p>-V1 Jesus suffered publicly and has shared glory one day</p> <p>-V2 we are God’s people, he has a flock</p> <p>-V2 God has principles of leadership</p> <p>-V4 God is the chief shepherd and rewards</p> <p>-V5 God is against those who are prideful but gives grace to the humble, those who know their place in his kingdom.</p>		
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
V5 WHY show humility to one another? Because God gives grace not opposition to him who does.	V5 WHAT does it look like to show humility to one another? Phil 2 Christ is the ultimate example - <u>honor</u> others above himself and <u>empathy</u> on their list not just his own	V2 HOW lead? Three Pairs - a. Serve willingly not under compulsion, b. serve eagerly not for shameful gain (i.e. financial), c. Serve as examples not a domineering CEO;	Elders (and leaders) are tempted to sloth, greed, and abuse of power.  We don’t naturally submit well to elders, the older, and to one another.	O, Chief Shepherd, we worship you. Forgive us for how we clothe ourselves in pride not beautiful humility. Thank you for giving grace to us. Help us to joyfully submit where called.

**Commentary quotes:** Calvin: "In exhorting pastors to their duty, he points out especially three vices which are found to prevail much, even sloth, desire for gain, and lust for power. In opposition to the first vice he sets alacrity or a willing attention; to the second, liberality; to the third, moderation and meekness, by which they are to keep themselves in their own rank or station" Calvin 142; Carson: V5 quotes Proverb 3:34 also quoted in James 4:6. "The first responsibility of the creature is to recognize his or her creatureliness and therefore live in dependence upon, and with worship toward, the Creator and Sovereign of all." Carson 1,043.

Arcing:				Passage: 1 Peter 5:6-14
<b>Action:</b> a. Humble yourself before God (so he exalts you because his deep care of you), and b. Be alert and resist Satan by faith (because Satan is dangerous and destructive to God's own)	Series (Action 1)		Action	6 [You] <u>Humble</u> yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God
			Result	so that at the proper time <u>he may exalt</u> you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him,
			Ground	because <u>he cares</u> for you.
	Series (Action 2)	Main	Series	8 [You] <u>Be</u> sober-minded;
			Series	[You] <u>be</u> watchful.
		Ground		Your adversary the <u>devil prowls</u> around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
		Series	Idea	9 [You] <u>Resist</u> him, firm in your faith, knowing that
			Explain	the same <u>kinds</u> of suffering <u>are being experienced</u> by your brotherhood throughout the world.
<b>Result:</b> a. God himself will comfort you, and b. He is glorified by these 2 actions.	Series (Result 1)		Action	10 And after <u>you have suffered</u> a little while,
			Result	the <u>God</u> of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, <u>will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish</u> you.
	Series (Result 2)		Result	11 To him <u>be</u> the <u>dominion</u> forever and ever. Amen.
<b>Series:</b> Stand firm in grace because it is real.	Ground		Manner	12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as <u>I regard</u> him,
		Idea	Action	<u>I have written</u> briefly to you, exhorting and declaring
		Explain		that <u>this</u> [i.e. this letter] <u>is</u> the true grace of God.
	Main		Series	[You] <u>Stand</u> firm in it [grace].
<b>Series:</b> fellowship is sweet.			Series	13 <u>She</u> who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, <u>sends</u> you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.
<b>Series</b>			Series	14 [You] <u>Greet</u> one another with the kiss of love.
<b>Series</b>			Idea	<u>Peace</u> <u>[be]</u> to all of you
			Explain	who are in Christ.

**Sermon notes: Pastor Ryan 12/20/20 - Responding to Reality:** If we ignore the reality of the broken water pipe outside eventually it will flood the basement. Similarly, HOW do we respond to the



spiritual realities around us? **There are four gospel realities and four gospel responses in this passage to build our hope:** 1. God is mighty, therefore, we should humble ourselves under his mighty hand (v6). God is interested in you. He cares. We bring him in prayer not just the big stuff causing anxiety, all of it. 2. The Devil is real, therefore, be alert and resistant. He is not to be trifled with, but he can be resisted (Ephesians 6 - HOW to put on the full armor of God). 3. Suffering is a part of life in this world, therefore, we should set our minds on things to come. It is for a little while, even if for a whole life, but compared with eternity it is a “little while.” At the end, God will establish you. 4. The gospel message is message of grace, therefore, stand firm on grace.

## Summary: God personally cares for you in suffering so endure in living hope.

HEADLINE SENTENCE: HUMILITY IS BEING WORRY-FREE IN THE MIGHTY, CARING, RESTORING GOD.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in 2-3 short sentences (based on the Arcing)	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
<p><b>Tie:</b> V6 therefore: As elders submit to God and we submit to those older and are humble to one another, humble yourselves under God.</p> <p><b>Flow: Action:</b> a. Humble yourself before God (so he exalts you because of his deep care for you), and b. Be alert and resist Satan by faith (because Satan is dangerous and destructive to God’s own)</p> <p><b>Result:</b> a. God himself will strengthen and restore you, and b. He is glorified by these two actions.</p> <p><b>Series:</b> Four Series close the letter that has been full of true grace.</p>		<p>V6 proper time: this won’t last forever; even if when casting anxiety on God your worst fears still may happen; there will be a proper day for it to be undone.</p> <p>V8 devouring lion (not a rummaging raccoon): Peter uses Psalm 22:12-13 in reference to human adversaries to the devil (Carson 1,044).</p>	<p>-C-v6: Humble yourself before God</p> <p>-C-v8: be realistic and alert</p> <p>-C-v9 Resist Satan by faith</p> <p>-P-v10: God will comfort you, bank on it.</p> <p>-C-v12: stand firm in grace</p> <p>-C-v14: warmly greet each other</p>	<p>-V6 He is almighty</p> <p>-V6 He exalts his own</p> <p>-V6 God cares deeply for his own.</p> <p>-V10 the God of all true grace (v12) has called us to his eternal glory in Christ</p> <p>-V10 God personally restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes us both now and one day (Calvin)</p> <p>-V11 He is glorious</p> <p>-V14 He is Peace</p>
WHY - implied question (for, because, etc.)	WHAT - implied question	HOW - implied question	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
<p>-V6 WHY humble ourselves before God? For him to show his might in exalting us</p> <p>-V7 WHY can we cast our anxieties on him? Because of his deep care for me</p> <p>-V8 WHY be sober minded and alert? The lion is crouching to attack for a foothold</p> <p>-V8: WHAT does Satan desire? To devour us not treat us with kid gloves - devour our joy-producing faith, peace, hope, and faith because he can’t ultimately get us.</p> <p>-V10 WHAT can result from suffering? God himself restores us, and he receives glory.</p> <p>-V12 WHY can we stand firm in grace? Because it is true, it is written, and it comes through faithful Christ followers.</p> <p>-V12 WHAT is this letter about? True grace</p>		<p>V6 HOW do we show humility? by casting / not being anxious. “Are we humble enough to be worry-free?” - John Piper; worry is a form of pride that we keep it instead of cast the “backpack” on God.</p> <p>V9: HOW do we resist Satan? Firm in faith, knowing we are not alone or unique in this suffering;</p>	<p>V6 we are prone to anxiety because we are prone to follow us vs dependent on God which is humility.</p> <p>V8 we can think of ourselves too highly and be slothful.</p> <p>V9 we are tempted to believe Satan’s lie like he threw Job that we are the only one suffering.</p>	<p>God of all grace and all peace, we exalt you. Forgive us for the pride of anxiety. Thank you for personally restoring, comforting, strengthening and establishing us both now and eternally BECAUSE of your deep, faith compassion and care for your own. Help us to live like that is true.</p>





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