

By His Blood I Am Made Clean

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Last Week.

All of us are going through different struggles today. Some are sick. Some are bored. Some are angry.

This is our 7th week apart I am longing to be back together with the body of Christ.

Last week we started a series on 1 Peter.

1. Peter was written to the Christians of the day both Jews and Gentiles that were suffering through a time when they were aliens, strangers, or better put exiles. Because of the fact they were Christians they suffered in a world to which they no longer belonged.
2. The message “May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”
 - a. More than a casual greeting, this little phrase is the hope that the Lord is expressing to you from this letter.
3. Last week we discussed that his grace and peace is extended to us because of the living hope that we are born into through the resurrection of Christ. This Hope:
 - a. imperishable, undefiled, unfading, guarded in heaven by God, and is veiled in this life meaning however great you think it is, it is way better. It is Joy inexpressible and filled with glory.

People I Hung Out With.

1 Peter 1:13 *ESV*

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1. Get ready to “do” something.
2. Knowing the Spirit brings clarity of thought vs confusion that comes to the world.
3. Here’s the thing we do.... as Christians we “Set our hope fully on His grace.
 - a. there is nothing else worth putting our hope in.

When we become single minded and set our hope on Christ, there are instructions and things that happen to us. We are born again. Our passions change. --- THE RHODES. Good friends(ish). But when I gave my life to Christ... I simply didn’t fit anymore. I became and alien, a stranger, by my choice and God’s Spirit.... an exile.

By His Blood We Are Clean.

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Set the bar.

1 Peter 1:14–17 ESV

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

1. Before I get in this, I want you to remember the theme of the whole book.

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2. Grace - not getting what you deserve. So in order to experience the greatness of His grace, we need to know the standard that we are being judged against.
3. No longer conform to the same passions you conformed to before you were saved.
4. As he is holy, you be holy
5. His intent: You shall be holy as he is holy"
 - a. This is the first hint of grace... the "you shall" means he knows you aren't there, but his call, and his grace WILL get you there.
6. He judges impartially - but he still judges.
7. Conduct yourself with fear
 - a. Can I just say, I allowed myself to think, "Is this the end times? If so, am I ready? That thought killed. Are we saved by grace through faith? Absolutely. But do my actions match the grace that He gave.
 - b. I recommend that exercise. Don't dwell because while our behavior is a litmus test of where we are in Christ, but our job is to focus on Him not our sin.

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Jesus - always the good news.

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1 Peter 1:18–21 ESV

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1. Ransom - You were a kidnapped child.
2. Futile ways - a system of behaviors that you were at best a picture of the coming sacrifice of Christ.
3. It was always the plan that Christ would sacrifice himself for you.
4. The lamb, the ram, the sheep, the dove.... there were never going to be enough... they die and stay dead. We needed a sacrifice so pure that death could not hold Him down.

Our One TODO

1 Peter 1:22–23 ESV

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

Love each other earnestly.

Again Made Easy Because He Has Made Us New

1. born again - this is made something different.
2. This seed never dies
3. This seed is ... a seed.. it grows
4. We are grateful for his grace that tells us that though we are imperfect, a perfect is coming.

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