

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 04 Sept	1 Peter 1:1-12	A Living Hope
2) 11 Sept	1 Peter 1:13-25	Be Holy
3) 18 Sept	1 Peter 2:1-10	Building Our Faith
4) 25 Sept	1 Peter 2:11-25	Living as Strangers
5) 02 Oct	1 Peter 3:1-12	Living in Relationship
6) 09 Oct	1 Peter 3:13-22	Always Ready
7) 16 Oct	1 Peter 4:1-11	Equipped to Live
8) 23 Oct	1 Peter 4:12-19	When Ridiculed
9) 30 Oct	1 Peter 5:1-14	Alert Living
10) 6 Nov	2 Peter 1:3-11	Being Useful
11) 13 Nov	2 Peter 1:1-21	With Trust
12) 20 Nov	2 Peter 2:1-22 / Jude 1-25	On Guard
13) 27 Nov	2 Peter 3:1-18	With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

- These next 13 verses can be read in less than 2 minutes, but to fully comprehend the information and positively change our behavior takes more quality time and in depth personal study
- Peter didn't say "try to be holy as God" or "one day we will be holy as God," but he commanded us "BE HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY". Is this even humanly possible?.....YES
- This holiness involves choosing our words, deeds, thoughts and attitude carefully before we even speak, do, think, or roll our eyes

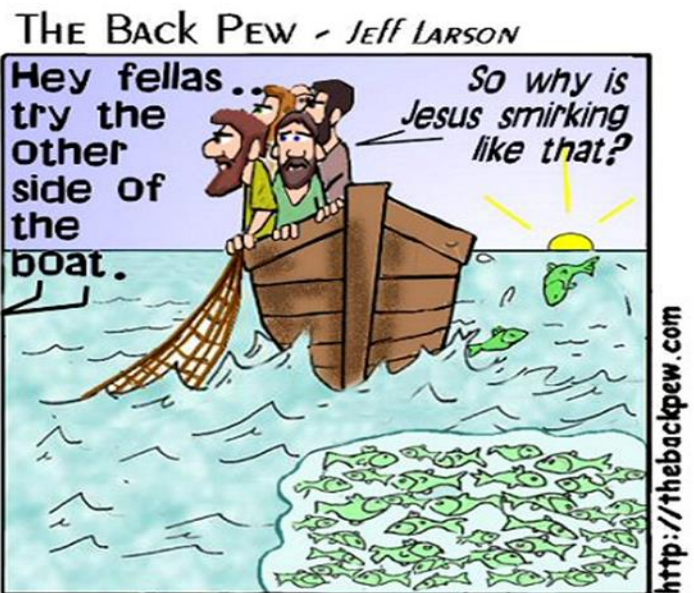
Passage	Comments
1Peter 1:13	<p>The Battle is in the Mind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gird up your minds" is a metaphor to prepare your minds for action" – which means think before speaking, before taking action, and even think about what's good to think about or not to think about, and even how to adjust your attitude to reflect a proper demeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What will your response be in word, thought, deed, and demeanor when your kid smarts off to you? When you don't get the promotion you were hoping for? When your spouse is moody? When someone cuts you off on the road? When a beggar asks you for money? Or you are tempted to lie or cheat? ♦ Prepare now so you can reap rewards later • "Be sober" involves thinking and responding clearly, smartly, timely. The opposite of being sober is responding rashly, out of selfish motives, or out of spite • "Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed." In other words, think long term, and don't seek short term gratification. Think about the long term benefits or consequences your words, thoughts, deeds, and demeanor will have on you and those around you before you convey them
1:14	<p>We Have a Choice – To Sin or Not to Sin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not cave in to "former lusts" or previous passions for bad talk, bad deeds, bad thoughts, and bad attitudes • Consider Romans 12:2 – "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect"
1:15-16	<p>What Would Jesus Do? Be Holy as God is Holy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Perfect like God is a human impossibility, and we are never commanded to be perfect as God is perfect • But we can be holy like Him in all of our thoughts, actions and words. Any time and every time we are obedient to His word, we become Holy as He is Holy – because that is what Jesus would do • Think Before Speaking or Acting (James 1:19 – "Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger")

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1:17-21	<p>The Cross Was God's Plan A to Restore Mankind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v17. "Conduct yourselves in fear..." – This means we should properly respect God's authority in our lives to live obediently for Him, since He can easily discipline us or even take us home early for misbehaving • v19 – But the real motivation to fear God is not because He will punish us, but because He redeemed us with the precious blood of His Son, Jesus Christ • v18b. Our futile or sinful way of life was inherited from our parents, and they inherited it from their parents – all the way back to Adam and Eve – in other words, we learn bad behavior at home – but we are still accountable for our bad behavior • v20. Christ dying on the cross was "foreknown before the foundation of the world" – Again, this was Plan A
1:22-23	<p>Why Should We Love Others? Cause God Loved Us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "...fervently love one another from the heart" –This means we need to think how we are going show our sincere love to each member of Christ, beginning with our spouse and ending with the most unlovable • What words should we say, or not say to them? • What deeds should we do, or not do for them? • What thoughts should we think, or not think about them? • What attitudes do we show, or not show around them?
1:24-25	<p>All Flesh is Like Grass – Here Today, Gone Tomorrow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These 2 simple verses strongly convey we need to think more on heavenly things than our temperate state

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- In these short 13 verses, Peter conveyed we need to change our behavior by thinking of proper words, thoughts, deeds, and demeanor even before we commit to uttering, doing, thinking or showing them – and this will help make us holy as God is holy

NEXT WEEK: 1Peter 2:1-10. These 10 verses are jammed pack with more doctrinal positions such as experiencing (i.e. "tasting") God in our lives; the priesthood of believers; salvation through Christ; the disobedient are appointed to destruction; and obedient believers are chosen for better things



If people would heed God's Word more, their lives would be less complicated and more enriched with blessings