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
7) 16 Oct. 1 Peter 4:1-11. Equipped to Live
8) 23 Oct. 1 Peter 4:12-19. When Ridiculed
10) 06 Nov. 2 Peter 1:3-11. Being Useful
11) 13 Nov. 2 Peter 1:12-21. With Trust
13) 27 Nov. 2 Peter 3:1-18. With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

- 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

Passage | Comments
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1Peter 2:1 | Put Away Sins of the Flesh
- These sins of “malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander” are hateful actions against others
- Peter doesn’t say pray about it but to STOP IT NOW
- Why are we often times slow about turning sin off?

1Cor 3:2 | Sincere Milk of the Word vs Sugar Water
- Milk is used as a spiritual analogy by Peter, Paul (1Cor 3:2), and the author of Hebrews (Heb 5:13)
- Peter is the only one to use MILK as a positive analogy
- Paul and the author of Hebrews convey the use of MILK as something for immature believers
- 1Cor 3:2. I (Paul) have fed you with MILK, and not with meat: for ye were not able to bear it (in other words, these immature believers – though they had every conceivable spiritual gift available for the church, were not ready for the deeper things of God)
- Heb 5:13. For every one that uses MILK is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- Milk is basically sugar water, but “sincere milk” or cream is more substantive in its nutrients
- Peter conveys the “sincere milk of the word” to be the undiluted, accurate, and correctly applied teachings of Scripture, which are able to make us grow spiritually
- On the other hand, diluted, false, or misapplied teachings of Scripture stunts one’s growth
- Diluted teachings would involve minimizing sin
- False teachings would twist or negate the truth
- Misapplied teachings make mountains from molehills

2:3 | “Tasting” or Experiencing God
- How can we know we have truly tasted the kindness of God when even non-believers experience good things?
- Psalms 34:8. O taste and see that the LORD is good. Godly experiences are nice; but experiences are not required for spiritual growth ................. John 20:29
- Note. Though one has tasted or experienced God’s blessings doesn’t mean they are saved ........ Heb 6:5-6

2:4-6 | God’s House is Built with Living Stones (You & Me)
- Not all of us Living Stones are built perfectly square, or contain the right mix of ingredients, or look like the stones that surround us – but our Master Builder will eventually conform us to His image He wants for us

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- To grow spiritually we have 2 choices – we can do it the hard way or the easy way. The easy way is to obey God’s word on a daily basis and not let the Lord’s refining fire be something often needed

NEXT WEEK: 1Peter 2:11-25. “Submit yourselves to every governing authority” – and this was stated during the tyrannical reign of Nero!