

## Additional Notes:

## **Adult Sunday School (1 Peter) Lesson 2**

1 Pet 1:3-12: Glory in our Grief

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### 0. Recap of Lesson 1

- The relevance of 1 Peter
- The recurrent theme of suffering
- The right perspective of suffering: “What does the Christian do when sufferings don’t make sense?”
- Peter’s desire for the believers: that the conversation (lifestyle) worked out in the crucible of suffering will glorify Christ, validate the gospel and result in their progress in grace.
- Reframing the pain of suffering

### **1. The glorious gospel of our salvation (v3-5)**

- God’s abundant mercy
  - Titus 3:5
  - *“Regeneration is a Divine work in us in which we are not the actors but the recipients.” -Dr Sinclair Ferguson*
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
  - A cardinal doctrine
  - 3 important truths
    - Evidence of a complete victory over death (1 Cor 15:17)

- Guarantees that the resurrection of the believers will certainly follow (1 Cor 15:20)
- Denotes the new life we share in union with Christ (Rom 6:4-5)
- The believers' inheritance
  - Reserved in heaven for you (cf. Jn 14:1-3, Psa 16:11; Rev 21:23)
- The believers' preservation
  - The believer is preserved until heaven (Phi 1:6, Jude 24; 1 Thess 5:24; John 6:39)

## **2. Rejoicing in our grief (v6-9)**

- *Manifold temptations*: Diverse trials. *Heaviness*: Grief/sorrow
- Reframing our pain
  - Our trials are only for a season
  - Our trials are only as the Lord deems necessary
  - Our trials are for a purpose
- The purpose of our trials
  - To perfect our faith (Heb 12:2; Heb 13:21; Mt 14:30-31; Mk 8:22-26; Lk 22:32; Prov 25:4)
  - To test the genuineness of our faith (Deut 33:25; Psa 34:19)
- The contrast
  - Many who struggle and experience grief on this side of eternity will be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ
- Rejoicing in the grace we presently experience (cf. Jn 20:27-29)

## **3. A salvation magnified in three ways (v10-12)**

- Three ways
  - Prophetic searching (v10-12a)
  - Gospel preaching (v12b)
  - Angelic inquiring (v12c)
- Three doctrines affirmed
  - Special Revelation
    - Scripture
  - Christ
    - Pre-existence and deity
  - Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8:9)
    - Pentecost
    - Cf. Mk 1:9-11; Acts 2:2,4,17

## **4. 'The glory that should follow'**

- Glory comes after suffering
  - The pattern of Christ (Heb 12:2b, 1 Pet 3:18)
- We follow in Christ's pattern
  - Phi 1:29; Rom 8:17; 1 Pet 4:12-13
  - The rule for the household of faith
- How may we glory in our grief? Glory...
  - That you are partakers of Christ's suffering
  - That you shall be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ
  - In the great and glorious salvation you have received