

Saturday

Please read 1 Peter 2:1–10 in preparation for this weekend’s sermon. What is the first thing that strikes you in this passage?

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that we will all grow as we study 1 Peter together. Thank God for His mercy and blessings on TLC and pray that we will be a community of faith that reflects God’s love and grace.

LIVING HOPE

...In Everyday Life

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Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, **for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.** *1 Peter 1:8–9*

Big Idea: Live _____ with _____ .

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. *1 Peter 1:10–12*

In view of the incredible grace, blessings, and future we have in Jesus Christ...

1. _____

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. *1 Peter 1:13*

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy **in all you do**; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” *1 Peter 1:14–16*

Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, **live your lives** as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty **way of life** handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. *1 Peter 1:17–21*

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2.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22

3.

I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

Psalms 119:31 NASB

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you. *1 Peter 1:23–25*

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read 1 Peter 1:8–25. What did you learn about living with eternity in view from last weekend’s sermon?

How has this study of 1 Peter impacted your understanding of hope?

In what ways are you struggling to live with hope?

Thank God today for the opportunity to study the Bible. Thank Him for the hope that is found in Him. Pray that you will grow in your understanding of living hope.

Tuesday

Please read 1 Peter 1:10–12. How do these verses connect with verses 3–5 which we studied last week?

As you think about your life right now where are you struggling to keep eternity in view? It could be something as simple focusing on possessions or as complicated as focusing on a major life issue. How could living with eternity in view impact your attitude?

How will you build this attitude into your life this week?

Thank God today that the best is yet to come! Talk to Him about the areas of life where you’re struggling to live with eternity in view. Ask Him to help you view the present through the lens of eternity.

Wednesday

Please read 1 Peter 1:13–21. What are some of the key words you see in this passage that describe how we are to live?

When or how are you most tempted to live your “own way” of life?

What relationship do you see between living according to God’s ways and keeping an eternal view?

Thank God today for His Spirit at work in you right now! Thank Him for giving you the Bible and the opportunity to know God’s ways. Talk to Him about your struggles when it comes to following Him and ask for the courage to live for God in all you do.

Thursday

Please read 1 Peter 1:22. This verse clearly connects obedience (living accordingly) with love. How do you think living according to God’s truth practically helps you build love into your relationships?

Think of someone you’re struggling to love right now. Take some time today and write down key words that describe God’s love for that person. How can you start to adopt God’s attitude about that person this week?

Thank God today for His love for you. Talk to God about the person(s) you’re struggling to love. Ask God to help you see that person through His eyes and to grow in your love for them. Pray that your heart will reflect God’s.

Friday

Please read 1 Peter 1:23–25. Psalm 119:50 says: “My comfort in my suffering is this: Your [God’s] promise preserves my life.” Recall a time when you had to cling to God’s love and word. How did that impact your relationship with God?

What is your biggest obstacle when it comes to clinging to God in your everyday life?

We often get so caught up in our daily lives, we find ourselves at the end of the day before we know what’s hit us! What is one thing you can do to remind yourself to cling to God daily?

Thank God today for the many promises He has for you, whether you’re in the midst of normal life or a time of suffering. Pray that you will cling daily to God and His word. Pray that as you grow in your relationship with Him you will be a source of encouragement and hope for others you come in contact with.



Memory Verse

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