

SALVATION MATTERS

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1 Peter 1:17-21, ESV – ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ 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.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of May 24, 2020

1 Peter 1:17-21

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that we are to walk in reverence, in holiness, and in obedience to God our Father and our Judge. Why is it important to remember that God is both Father and Judge?
- 2 How has knowing that the price of your salvation is the life and death of Jesus caused you care differently?
- 3 How has being born again changed you?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Hebrews 12:5-11, ESV – ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

4 Looking at the passage above, we see that our heavenly Father disciplines us for our own good. How is God's discipline similar to the discipline of our earthly fathers? How is it different?

5 According to verse 9, how should we respond to God's discipline? How does this relate to walking in reverence, holiness and obedience?

6 Why is it difficult to respond this way to God's discipline? How have you responded to God's discipline in your life?

B **1 Peter 2:23-25, ESV** – ²³ *When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.* ²⁴ *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.* ²⁵ *For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

7 In the passage above, Peter speaks about Jesus' example of obedience to God. How was He able to do this?

8 Describe a time in your life when it was difficult to trust that God judges justly? How did you bring yourself to a point of trusting Him in those circumstances?

9 Jesus entrusted himself to the Father's plan, even to death, death for our sins. He did nothing wrong himself, but freely offered himself on our behalf. In light of this profound truth, how should we respond to sin?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were reminded that reverence, holiness, and obedience to God, our Judge, matters. How are you doing at revering God, being holy, and obeying God, especially when times are tough? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for a heart of reverence, holiness and obedience to the Judge.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Acts 2:23, 10:34
Romans 8:29
Ephesians 1:20-23, 2:10, 6:9
Titus 2:14
Hebrews 9:14