

HOPE FROM ABOVE

For the week of October 25, 2020

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1 Peter 3:8-22

1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **2** so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. **3** For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; **5** but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. **8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. **9** Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. **10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: **11** whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 3:8-22**

MESSAGE POINTS

1. Think Differently (1-2)
2. See Differently (3-5)
3. Speak Differently (6)
4. Act Differently (7-9)
5. Live Differently (10-11)

THE GOAL

To be noticeably different because of the Hope that we have in Christ.

GET GOING

- How has your hope in Christ grown during the pandemic? The election?
- Why is me-centric thinking so dangerous to our faith? How can you grow to be more God-centric in your thinking?
- Look at verse 4. How have people in your life responded to the change they see in you because of Christ?
- Look at verse 7. Why are these two characteristics so important to our prayers?
- The word for hospitality in verse 9 means 'love of strangers.' Where do you need to grow in this type of love?
- The speaker mentioned that we should 'pray for our leaders no matter who they are.' Take a few minutes as a group and do this now before you continue in your time.

KEEP GROWING

Turn to Galatians 5:16-24

- What does this passage reveal about the different way that followers of Christ are meant to conduct themselves?
- How has walking by the Spirit helped you in your battle with sin?
- How have you seen yourself transformed from the person you were before Christ?
- Look at verse 22. How does love set up the rest of the fruit of the Spirit?
- What does it mean to 'belong to Christ Jesus' (vs. 24)?

GET GROUNDED

- Where do you need to grow to be different? (Think, See, Speak, Act, Live)
- Read Galatians 5:19-21 again. Where do you see these at work in your life?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23 again. Where are you seeking to grow currently?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week
- How can we pray for you in relation to what we studied this week?

MEMORY VERSE

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."
- Galatians 5:16