

# “Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus”

## *A Textual Study of 1-2 Peter and Jude*

**Sunday Mornings • Auditorium**

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# **SUNDAY MORNING (January 6<sup>th</sup>) • 1 Peter 1:1-12**

## **Born Again to a Living Hope**

When you think of “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1:1), what comes to your mind?

Peter invokes a powerful triad of ideas in 1:2. What is implied by:

- according to the foreknowledge of God the Father –
- in the sanctification of the Spirit –
- for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood –

What does it mean to be “born again” (1:3)?

What is the significance of hope that is “living” (1:3)?

Why is the Christian’s hope inseparably tied to “the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1:3)?

In what way are Christians “being guarded” by the power of God (1:5)?

Practically speaking, how do “various trials” test the “genuineness” of faith (1:6-7)?

How can genuine faith possibly be more precious than gold (1:7)?

What is “joy that is inexpressible” and where is it found (1:8)?

In your own words, how would you summarize what Peter is communicating in 1:10-12?

# **SUNDAY MORNING (January 13<sup>th</sup>) • 1 Peter 1:13-2:12**

## **Called to be Holy**

In your own words, what does it mean to “be holy” (1:16)?

Why does God anchor his expectation for our holiness in the fact that he is holy (1:16)?

Why must our minds be “prepared for action” (1:13)?

What role does “sober-mindedness” play in a life of holiness (1:13)?

“Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1:13). What does this mean and how do we go about doing it?

How would you describe what the Spirit has in mind when he leads Peter to refer to “the passions of your former ignorance” (1:14)?

Why is it wise to “conduct” ourselves “with fear throughout the time” of our “exile,” and what is this “exile” (1:17)?

How would you summarize what Peter is revealing in 1:18-25?

How does one come to “taste that the Lord is good” (2:1-3)?

Peter describes Christians in a variety of different ways: “living stones” (2:5), “a holy priesthood” (2:5), “a chosen race” (2:9), “a royal priesthood” (2:9), “a holy nation” (2:9), “a people for his own possession” (2:9), “God’s people” (2:10), “sojourners and exiles” (2:11). As you read those God-breathed phrases, what comes to your mind? How should they shape our new identities in Christ?

# **SUNDAY MORNING (January 20<sup>th</sup>) • 1 Peter 2:13-25**

## **Submission to Authority**

In your own words, what does it mean to “be subject” to someone or something?

Why would the Spirit of God instruct Christians to “Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution” (2:13), especially when “the emperor” or the “governors” may stand in direct and active opposition to what our Lord taught, the reasons for which he died, and the groundbreaking nature of his resurrection from the dead?

In what way is “the ignorance of foolish people” put “to silence” by disciples of Christ “doing good” (2:15)?

“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God” (2:16). What does this mean?

How would you rephrase the following instructions in everyday terms:

- Honor everyone –
- Love the brotherhood –
- Fear God –
- Honor the emperor –

Why would it be important for servants to “be subject” to their masters, “not only to the good and gentle but also to the just” (2:18), and in what way is this “a gracious thing” (2:19-20)?

Why does Peter, in the context of 2:13-25, point us to the example of Jesus in 2:21-24?

In your own words, how would you convey the truths revealed in 2:25?