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Power to Raise the Dead

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1. God's power provided the _____ why you can have faith and hope in Him

1 Peter 1:21

Jesus' followers are absolutely _____ that He rose from the dead and it's because of His "one-of-a-kindness" that we rightfully do put our hope and faith in Him because there has never been anyone like Him nor has there ever been anyone since

Ephesians 1:18-20

2. We have power to increasingly _____ we are who Jesus says we are

Ephesians 3:16-19

3. Jesus' power is what you're _____ for most today

Philippians 3:20-21

Is there anything greater that you can desire in this particular season of your life right now than to know that Someone is in _____ and that this same Someone can transform your lowly, _____ body into one that ultimately death will never be able to defeat?

"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

C.S. Lewis

Now What?

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Welcome to Home Groups. People connect in groups throughout the area for friendship and growth. The Home Group notes are used to help us learn from God's Word (the Bible), to foster conversation, and to align us in prayer. We will be forming new "online" groups in the next couple of weeks. You can connect with a Home group through our website under "Small Groups" or Home Groups."

SOMETHING YOU CAN SHARE

How are you doing with the isolation and restrictions? Are there people in your world who are suffering?

LEARN FROM THE WORD

This week we will focus on 1 Peter 1:17-21. It is helpful to know the backdrop of this passage. Peter was writing to people he called "aliens" because though they lived in Asia Minor, their permanent home was with Jesus Christ in heaven. God's master plan is to rescue people from the pain and penalty of sin and create a people who know and love Him and one another. He made forgiveness possible through the work of Jesus and the Spirit. Jesus' death and resurrection make possible the eternal destiny of heaven with Jesus for those who trust in Him. (1-2)

All those who put faith in Jesus Christ are blessed in many ways! (3-12)

- They are born again to a living hope through Jesus Christ's resurrection.
- They are promised an inheritance, a salvation, which is imperishable and reserved in heaven, guarded by God's power through faith.
- They have great joy even in the trials of this life, knowing that their faith in and love for Jesus obtains the salvation of their souls.
- They know they are following what God has revealed in the past and that the gospel they heard was revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in light of who we are through Christ and the Holy Spirit, we need to live as His children, being like the God who called and blessed us. This means ...

- Our thinking and actions should be fixed on the grace coming with Jesus (13)
- We must abandon past ways and be holy in our behavior (set apart and consecrated to Him) (14-16)

In our passage for this week, Peter is continuing to speak to God's children about how we are to live. Twice before, Peter addressed God as our "Father" who sent His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, who achieved our salvation and inheritance. Here we see that our Father God is "judge." Knowing that believers are already saved and destined to be with God (1-9), what aspect of judgment is in focus? (See 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10)

What is the command (directive) of verse 17? How does this connect with our call to be holy as God is holy (16)?

One commentator (Hiebert) says that “fear” in this passage should be understood as “the reverential awe of a son [or daughter] toward a beloved and esteemed father.” How is this “fear” a motivator of conduct / behavior in our lives? How does “fear” prompt love and obedience to God? How does it help us represent God and the gospel? (see also 1:14)

What do verses 18-19 add to this call to live differently? What are we to have in our mindset for how to live?

Some have suggested that verse 18-21 is a summary of the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. If a friend asked you to summarize the good news, what points could you share from this passage? (List the specific essentials)

The author uses the word “revealed” when speaking of Jesus. (see also 5, 7, 12, 13). What does this imply about God and His master plan? How are we also a representative of God’s master plan to “reveal” Jesus Christ and the good news?

DISCUSSION WITH ONE ANOTHER

Why is our hope in both the death of Jesus (“blood of Christ”, 19) and that He was “raised from the dead” (21)? How are both involved in our hope, our eternal destiny?

Why do people say, ‘I never grow tired of hearing about the gospel – about God’s love for us’? What fuels this adoration and joy? How does this keep growing? (see 1:8, Ephesians 3:16-19)

How would our friends know that “our faith and hope are in God?” (21)

PRAY TOGETHER

- For the people your world who are without the hope of Christ
- For our role to be God’s ambassadors in these times
- For the many people serving in these dangerous days
- For those who have lost loved ones, those who are needy and sick