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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Grace-filled, God-saturated Living

Text: 1 Peter 2:18-23

"Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 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."
1 Peter 2:18-23

"The sufficiency of Scripture in part means that scripture offers principles which guide believers in their day to day life...the principle of sufficiency is clear: given the redemptive/historical dynamic, Scripture provides full, adequate and sufficient general principles which can be applied in specific ethical situations."
Carl Trueman, The Sufficiency of Scripture

"...the horrible degradation of slaves in 19th-century America gives the word 'slave' a far worse connotation than is accurate for most of the society to which Peter was writing. Although mistreatment of slaves could occur then too, it must be remembered that 1st-century slaves were generally well treated and were not only unskilled labourers but often managers, overseers, and trained members of the various professions) doctors, nurses, teachers, musicians, skilled artisans). There was extensive Roman legislation for their services and could expect eventually to purchase their freedom."
Wayne Grudem, 1 Peter, p. 125-126

Excursus or digression:
This passage was used by many respected evangelicals to support chattel slavery.

"Yet, Whitefield was one of the most persistent critics of the Trustees' no-slavery policy (1735) in contrast to most Malcontents who abandoned Georgia, Whitefield and Habersham never let up on their quest to see the introduction of enslaved labor in Georgia (adopted in 1751). If any one person does indeed deserve blame for the introduction of slavery in Georgia, it may acutally be George Whitefield."
George Whitefield: Evangelist for God and Empire, Peter Choi

- A _____
- R _____
- C _____

Ethnocentrism, elitism, nationalism, and familial pride are all conquered by the cross of Christ.

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Principles From the Text

1. We live in the presence of the all-seeing, all-knowing, gracious Lord. (Colossians 3:22)

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account."
Hebrews 4:12-13

2. It is g_____ in the sight of God when a believer lives "mindful of God" and e_____s_____ and difficult circumstances. (1 Peter 2:19-20)
3. The t_____ of the Father's never-failing care is the foundation of r_____ fear. (1 Peter 2:23)
4. Christ is our example of a life that is wonderfully pleasing in God's sight including the context of suffering. (1 Peter 2:21-following)

The ACTIVE obedience of Christ: His perfect obedience to God in the face of difficult opposition and hardship. (1 Peter 2:21)
[Christ our example.]

The PASSIVE obedience: Christ carried the penalty for our sin on the cross as our sacrifice and substitute. (1 Peter 2:24)
[Christ our sacrifice.]

ANSWER KEY:
aware, relationship-building, christ-centered conversations, gracious thing, endures, sorrows, trusting, reverential

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

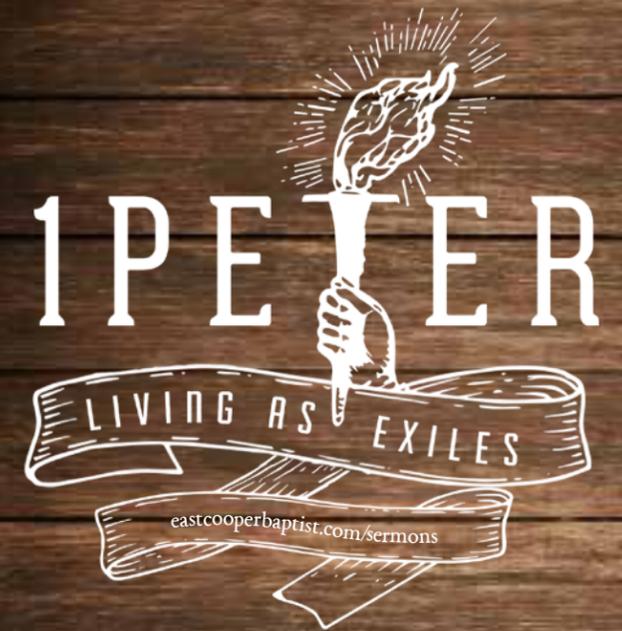
1. How do we grow in our awareness regarding racial issues?
2. What does "mindful of God" living involve?
3. What is the basis for reverential fear of God?
4. Distinguish between the active and passive obedience of Christ.
5. How do we hold the "get out of jail free card" in relationships?



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