

Our Christian Identity: 1 Peter

[#1] Trust, Obedience, and Patience – 1 Peter 1:1-2

Sermon Outline – June 5, 2016

Children's Sermon: Big John

Why did Big John fool around & disobey in swim class?

What made him want to work hard and listen to instructions?

John 14:1–3 (NLT)

¹ “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

Where is Jesus right now? Where are we?

Notes:

Details about this Letter:

Author? ^{1a} Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...

1 Peter 5:1

...as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ...

1 Peter 5:12

By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you...

From Where? Rome

1 Peter 5:13

She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.

To Whom? Churches in modern Turkey

Main Themes?

“The heads of doctrine contained in it are many, but the main that are most insisted on, are these three, *faith, obedience, and patience*; to establish them in believing, to direct them in doing and to comfort them in suffering.” ⁱ (italics his)

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, do not be surprised at *the fiery trial* when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

1 Peter 5:12

...I have written briefly to you, *exhorting* and *declaring* that *this is the true grace of God*. *Stand firm in it*.

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

By knowing who we are and where we are, we will be equipped to patiently endure life's trials for God's glory.

Who are we? Where are we?

^{1b} To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion...

1) We are Chosen... by the Triune God

1 Peter 2:9–10

⁹ But you are a *chosen race*, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, *a people for his own possession*, **that** you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ *Once you were not a people*, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

On Who's Authority were we Chosen?

...² according to the *foreknowledge* of God *the Father*...

By What Power are We Called?

...in the *sanctification* of *the Spirit*...

To What End are we being Brought?

...for *obedience to Jesus Christ* and for *sprinkling with his blood*...

In only three cases was blood ceremonially sprinkled on the people themselves: (1) in the **covenant initiation ceremony at Mt. Sinai** when Moses sprinkled half the blood from the sacrificial oxen on all the people (Exod. 24:5–8; Heb. 9:19; and perhaps Isa. 52:15 [Aquila, cf. Theodotian]); (2) in the **ceremony of ordination** for Aaron and his sons as **priests** (Exod. 29:21; probably also Heb. 10:22); and (3) in the **purification ceremony for a leper** who had been healed from leprosy (Lev. 14:6–7).ⁱⁱ (Bold mine)

2) We are Resident Aliens of the Dispersion

(LEB - Lexham English Bible) ^{1b} ...to *the chosen who are residing temporarily in the dispersion*

Expect Suffering

1 Peter 4:12

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Peter Writes to Encourage & Exhort

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A Godly Response

Titus 2:1

But as for you, teach *what accords with* sound doctrine.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Trust our faithful Creator and live a life given to Godliness.

1 Peter 4:19

¹⁹ Therefore let *those who suffer according to God's will* entrust their souls to a faithful Creator *while doing good*.

Expect difficulties, sufferings & setbacks...

- Trouble with people... (Sin, loss & disappointments)
- Trouble with money... (Pride & despair)
- Trouble with your body... (Sickness, injuries...)

Entrust ourselves to God's good plan...

1 Peter 2:23

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*.

Give ourselves to wholehearted obedience...

- Hessed Love... (Grace)
- Wealth:
 - Rich – 1 Timothy 6:17–19
 - Poor – James 2:5
 - Thief – Ephesians 4:28
- Dying with dignity or Right to die (Euthanasia)

ⁱ R. Leighton (died 1684), *Commentary on First Peter* (reprinted Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1972). As Quoted by: Grudem, W. A. (1988). *1 Peter: an introduction and commentary* (Vol. 17, p. 40). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

ⁱⁱ Grudem, W. A. (1988). *1 Peter: an introduction and commentary* (Vol. 17, p. 56). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.