



Scriptures for Today: 1 Peter 1: 18-21– Living with Hope in Last Days

Today's Message

“Remember The Lamb”

INTRODUCTION: As Christians living in Laodicea and the return of Jesus Christ approaching quickly, we often find ourselves caught up in the cares of this temporal life. We can become bogged down, discouraged and even depressed. What can we do to live the life that Christ longed for us to live and be bold in our faith and share the \_\_\_\_\_ we have in who we are in Christ. Today we will look at the first letter that the apostle Peter wrote to the Jewish Christians, who were under heavy Roman Persecution. As believers living in the last days today, we can look at this letter and apply the words Peter gave and be reminded of what the Lamb did for us to give us Hope as we wait until the Lord Calls us up to be Raptured to heaven and be with him during the tribulation. Oh, what day that will be!

LEARNING TOGETHER

- ❖ The Text – 1 Peter 1:18-22
- ❖ Historical: The Jewish Christians Peter was writing to were living in very difficult circumstances. Heavy persecution under Roman Occupation. Their Hope was in the return of Jesus, many of whom missed his recent first coming.
  - A. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_!! - The Precious Blood of Christ – a lamb without blemish and without spot. Predestined to be the Lamb before the foundation of the Earth!
    1. The First Sacrifice for Sin – used to make coats of skins – Gen 3:21
    2. The Accepted Sacrifice – Gen 4:4
    3. The Replacement Sacrifice – **Gen 22:4-13**, Romans 3:25, **1 John 2:2, 4:10**
    4. The Passover Lamb – The blood spread on the door posts - representing the cross to come telling the Angel of the Lord to pass by. **Exodus 12:4-14**
    5. The Lamb of God! The Final Once for All Sacrifice. Jn 1:29, 36, 19:16-20
    6. The Risen Lamb – John 20:1-17
    7. The Lamb – The Alpha and Omega! He Endures Forever and ever! – Rev 22:13
- ❖ Doctrinal: Prophetically, this letter is written to the Jews in the Tribulation period after the Rapture. We must be careful applying doctrine that does not directly apply to us in the Church Age. This is quite often difficult for many people who do not rightly divide God's Word and take things out of context.

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The atonement or  
atoning sacrifice  
offered to God to  
appease his wrath

- ❖ Devotionally: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable to us. And these words of Peter provide much help as Christians living in the last days waiting for the Rapture.

## B. Live with Hope in Laodicea

### 1. Health and Life challenges - Biblical and Church Family Examples

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To place confidence in; to trust in with confidence expectation of good.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ - NEVER lost hope – always trusted God and Satan had direct access to him.
  - i. Lost all his possessions and kids killed - Job 1:1-5
  - ii. Boils all over – Job 15-22
  - iii. Bad advice from his wife and friends – Job 2:5-13
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ – NEVER lost hope – looked for what God was doing in his circumstances.
  - i. Hated by his brothers who threw him in the pit and sold him into slavery.  
Genesis 37:3,23-26
  - ii. Falsely accused – Genesis 39:1, 10-20
  - iii. Forgotten in the jail; 40:23, **45:5**
- c. Church Family Examples - Always trusted the Lord no matter what the outcome and always looking for ways to minister to others as they can.  
Psalm 42:11; Eph 3:12; Rising like Eagles. Isaiah 40:31

## C. Who are we in Christ?

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Not with corruptible things like silver and gold
- b. Not vain conversations received by tradition from our fathers
- c. BUT with the Precious Blood of Christ
  - i. AS a LAMB without Blemish and without spot
  - ii. Foreordained before the foundation of the world for anyone who would be saved by the Blood of Christ.
  - iii. Grace was defined before the Fall of man!!

Note: Prepared Before the foundation of the earth! God never wanted man to go anywhere else! Hell was created for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:33-34, 41

As Christians living in the last days in Laodiceans we tend to want to sit around on our blessed assurance and just pray God will send someone, which is very important as we need to keep praying, but we have been given an assignment to “go ye therefore and preach the gospel!” Hope in the Lamb!

### Final Thoughts:

What is interfering with your Hope in the Lamb today? What are you afraid of? What cares of the world are distracting you and keeping you out of the fight? Talk to the Lord today!

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The **FREE unmerited love and favor** of God.  
Rom. 11:5-8  
The **application** of Christ's righteousness to the sinner.