



BORN AGAIN TO A
LIVING HOPE
THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

Bible study for the week starting June 30, 2024

SHARE

What are your 3 greatest passions in life (apart from Jesus)? Do you think passion is overrated, underrated, or properly rated?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **1 Peter 4**. This book of the Bible is filled with “exhortations.” What is the value of exhortation in your life? What makes this more or less effective? (For instance, it’s easier for me to receive exhortation from someone with integrity.)
2. Over and over, Peter urges Christians not to live like Gentiles; that’s not who you are! In 1 Peter 4:5, he reminds us we will “give an account.” Does this scare you?
3. God prepares you for trials, and promises you can be content in any and every circumstance. How do you see God preparing you?
4. Read **Isaiah 42:10-16**. God promises to “stir up His zeal” for us and against our foes. What benefit is there in knowing God’s passion for you?
5. Read **John 2:13-22**. We see Jesus’ zeal for His Father’s house consume Him, in fulfillment of prophecy. What does it look like for you to be zealous and passionate for God?

PRAY

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, pray for our nation, our leaders, God’s providence, and any course corrections God’s will requires both personally and as a country.



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LIVING A LIFE OF PASSION

1 Peter 4 (Isaiah 42:10-16; John 2:13-22)

June 30, 2024 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Peter calls for you to be of “ONE MIND” with Jesus (1 Peter 4:1-2).

Your suffering is not only your apologetic but also a valuable tool in your SANCTIFICATION.

Peter draws a contrast between “human PASSIONS” and the “WILL of God.”

Not every passion is created EQUAL.

Epithumia = “lust, craving, or desire for what is FORBIDDEN”

Metanoeo = “to change one’s mind for the better; to heartily amend your life with ABHORRENCE for your past sins”

God uses our spiritual disciplines, rituals, ceremonies, and sacrifices of our faith to PREPARE us to experience and respond to the trials of life in a healthy way.

Most of the avenues you’ll find to fuel your passions are garbage: a path of DESTRUCTION masquerading as a yellow brick road. DESIRE God. PURSUE God.

For next week, please read 1 Peter 5.