



The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

BIBLE JOURNEY: 1-2 PETER

LESSON 2: SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

LESSON 3: 2 PETER

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Reflection: Looking Back - Moving Forward

Looking back: Overview of 1 Peter

The message of Peter in this epistle to believers is one of hope in the midst of hardship and heartache.

- We have a living hope
- An inheritance that can never perish
- Called to be holy because our God is holy
- If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed but praise God that you bear that name

Moving Forward:

- ▶ **Something Old, Something New**
 - Concealed-Revealed
- ▶ **2 Peter**
 - Becoming Christ Like

Living out the faith in the midst of...

Peter was one of the first disciples Jesus called when he started his earthly ministry. And it was Peter who preached the first sermon following Pentecost that led 3,000 people to give their lives to Jesus Christ. And we now find this same Peter years later urging the followers of Jesus to live out their faith

“3Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. (1 Peter 1: 3-6)

Peter was urging the scattered church to rejoice in the hope of their calling which is in Christ Jesus. A hope that was revealed in Jesus but was spoken about in the old testament countless times.

Concealed...Revealed

Peter shares the word of God to believers utilizing scriptures of old to show that the hope they have was first mention in the scriptures centuries ago and that hope was made alive thru Jesus Christ in their time.

There is an old saying: "The old testament is the new testament concealed, and the new testament is the old testament revealed".

Let's view the following two videos to get a clearer understanding of that old adage.

Concealed...Revealed

Peter demonstrates a deep familiarity with the Old Testament as the following charts illustrates for us.

1 Peter 2:6-10 (ESV)	Old Testament (ESV)
<p>“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” (2:6b)</p>	<p>Therefore thus says the LORD God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’” (Is 28:16)</p>
<p>“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (2:7b)</p>	<p>Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” (Ps 118:2)</p>
<p>“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” (2:8a)</p>	<p>And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Is 8:14)</p>

Concealed...Revealed

1 Peter 2:6-10 (ESV)	Old Testament (ESV)
<p>But you are a chosen race ... a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (2:9a, c-d)</p>	<p>Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. (Deut 10:15)</p>
<p>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (2:9a-b)</p>	<p>And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. (Is 62:12)</p>

Concealed...Revealed

1 Peter 2:6-10 (ESV)	Old Testament (ESV)
<p>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people. (2:10a-b)</p>	<p>She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, "Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all" ... And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God." ... and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'" (Hos 1:6, 9; 2:23)</p>

Our Inheritance

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you**, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time”. 1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV)*

We as the people of God have an inheritance stored up for us in heaven. It can not spoil, rot, decay, rust, wear out, or perish. It’s ours!

Our Inheritance cont.

At the time Peter is writing, the inheritance that began with “the land” has expanded to include “the earth” and even “the Kingdom of God.” This inheritance “can never perish, spoil or fade” and is “kept in heaven” (1:4) for us.

The Inheritance	Passage
The land	However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you. (Deut 15:4, NIV)
The earth	Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Matt 5:5, NIV)
The Kingdom of God	Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.” (Matt 25:34, NIV)

Old/New

Peter relies more strictly on the Old Testament and other apostolic traditions. Note the parallels between 1 Peter and other New Testament texts in the examples below by navigating in YouVersion to read each pair of verses.

New Testament	1 Peter	Message
Matthew 5:16	1 Peter 2:12	Impress pagans with virtue.
Romans 12:2	1 Peter 1:14	Don't conform to the world.
Luke 6:28	1 Peter 3:9	Bless those who curse you.

A Spiritual Echo Thru Time

The Old/New teachings of Peter reflect a spiritual echo of God's dealing with mankind since the beginning of time. Listen to Dr. Laniak as he explains the new that is a reflection of the old over time in this next video.

Ready to give an answer

Is your place in God secure through what you know (i.e., What the Bible teaches)? Christ Jesus came into this world to pay the price for sin. I was a sinner and needed forgiveness for my sins. Christ provided that forgiveness thru his death on the cross. I accepted that gift of forgiveness. Thus, I'm saved, and my salvation is complete. And I affirm my place in Christ as I identify with his death, burial, and resurrection through the act of Baptism.

So now I live to please Christ, and to share this gift of salvation (forgiveness of sin) that He provides with others.

Identification With Christ Thru Suffering

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

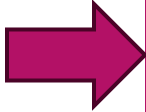
⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Common Theme/Common Language

The chart below highlights some of the ways 1 and 2 Peter describes the change and new identity of believers.

1 Peter	Theme/Message	2 Peter
1:7	Genuine, precious faith	1:1
2:12; 3:2	Becoming eyewitnesses	1:16
4:3	Turning from immoral lifestyle	2:7; 3:17
4:1	Ceasing sin	2:14
1:19	Spotless and unblemished	3:14
5:10	Stability	3:17



It's important to note the consistency in Peter's message throughout both letters. Its as if he wants to drill it into his readers the importance of what they possess (a precious faith), and how to live out that faith in the world. It was important then, and it is important now!

Walk It Out

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7 (NASB)

Beware of Wolves In Sheep Clothing

2 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell,^[a] putting them in chains of darkness^[b] to be held for judgment; ⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; ⁶ if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— ⁹ if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. ¹⁰ This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh^[c] and despise authority. (2 Peter 2: 2-10 NIV)

The Day Is Coming...

2 Peter 3: 10-13, 17

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.^[a]

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.^[b] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.