



1 P E T E R

this is not our home

Last week in the first half
of 1 Peter 1 we saw that...

The knowledge of
our incredible **salvation**...

...should stir up within us
a hopeful **expectation**
of our future...

...the hope of this future
should give us a
joyful satisfaction
in God...

... and this joy should lead us
to faithful **application** of
the Word of God.

The second half of 1 Peter 1 continues with the same themes...however it focuses more on the stage of application.

Peter continues to give us
reason after reason as to
why we should live a
radically obedient life.

In fact, in these 8 verses
Peter is going to give us...

10 reasons

Why we should live
obedient lives.

There are only
2 imperative statements
in this section of verses:

*“So you must live in
reverent fear of Him...”*

(v17)

*"So now you must
show sincere love to
each other..." (v21)*

The goal of this section is to give us reasons why we should *live* in such a *fearful* way and why we should display our *faith* in such a *loving* way.

This section also shows us that
a reverent, holy, **productive**
fear of God is **paramount** in
the life of the believer.

And this section also shows us
that God wants us to display
our faith to others **primarily**
through how we love and care
for them.

You could say that the goal
of this passage is:

To give the believer
10 clear reasons why they should
live in reverent fear of God;
displayed through an obedient
life filled with love.

10 reasons
Why we should live
obedient lives.

#1

**The Coming
Judgment**

*And remember that the heavenly
Father to whom you pray has no
favorites. **He will judge or reward**
you according to what you do.*

1 Peter 1:17a

The 1st reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **there is a day coming when we will stand before God.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that one day, much sooner than you know, we will each stand before God and give *account* for every *action*.

What can we do?

**Live each day,
each moment, each choice
in light of eternity.**

What can we do?

Intentionally sift each
actions through the sieve of
the judgment seat of God.

#2

Our Visitor Status

*So you must live in reverent fear of
him during your time here as
“temporary residents.” (1:17b)*

The 2nd reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **we are merely visitors, passing through this world.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that this place is not our home. We are looking forward to a *perfect*, and *permanent* home. We are only visitors here.

What can we do?

Be aware when you start to value this earth & what it has to offer too much. Be aware when you long for this life more than the next.

What can we do?

Ask God to remind you daily that this world is not your eternal residence. Ask him to give you a longing for the future.

What can we do?

Write your physical eulogy.
Envision your dying and list what
you hope to have accomplished
and what kind of legacy you want
to leave.

#3

**Our Great
Salvation**

*For you know that **God paid a ransom to save you** from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. (1:18a)*

The 3rd reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **God paid a great price to save us from our sin.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that we were *saved* from our old *sinful* life and God paid an incredible price to ensure our salvation.

What can we do?

Remind yourself regularly of the kind of life that you had before you were saved. Remind yourself of the futility of following sin & self.

What can we do?

Remind yourself regularly of
all that God had to do
throughout history to save you,
to get his word to you and for
you to exist in this moment.

#4

**Our Priceless
Redeemer**

*And it was not paid with mere gold
or silver, which lose their value. It
was **the precious blood of Christ,**
the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.
(1:18b-19)*

The 4th reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **our ransom was paid by the infinitely valuable Christ.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that we were bought with the precious blood of Jesus...and the worth of his sacrifice is infinite in measure.

What can we do?

Thank God, and Christ, for what they were willing to do on your behalf through Calvary.

What can we do?

Ask God to continually remind you that Christ is the most valuable treasure in all the universe.

Beware when other treasures surpass Christ in your heart.

#5

**The Eternal Plan
of God**

*God chose him as your ransom long
before the world began, but now in
these last days he has been revealed
for your sake. (1:20)*

The 5th reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **our lives are part of a much bigger eternal plan.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that our lives and choices are not trivial but rather they are significant and weighty and they are part of God's huge eternal plan.

What can we do?

Remind yourself that you are not cosmic sludge or an evolutionary byproduct but instead you are your Creator's prized creation!

What can we do?

Remind yourself that your life is not *trite* & *trivial*...on the contrary, every thought, every attitude & actions of your life is eternally significant & will matter forever.

#6

**The Resurrection
from the Dead.**

*Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because **he raised Christ from the dead** and gave him great glory. (1:21)*

The 6th reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **we have the confident assurance of the resurrection.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that our salvation is sure because Christ was raised from the dead...and we too can be confident that we will be raised from the dead.

The end of our life is not death & oblivion buried in the earth. The end of our live is a resurrection unto eternal life.

What can we do?

Remind yourself that your fate is not to decay in the grave. Rather, you will be raised from the dead, just like your Savior, to live with God forever and ever.

What can we do?

Write your spiritual eulogy.

Envision your resurrection,
standing before God; what do you
hope to hear him say in that
moment about your life?

#7

The Purpose of Sanctification

*You were cleansed from your sins
when you obeyed the truth, so now you
must show sincere love to each other as
brothers and sisters. Love each other
deeply with all your heart. (1:22)*

The 7th reason that Peter gives
as to why we should live
obedient lives is because
we were *saved* unto
sanctification & obedience.

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that one of the main goals of our salvation was for God to create for himself a new, holy and *pure people*.

What can we do?

Live each day & each hour *purposefully*. Seek to live each day/hour independently of the *previous* day/hour.

What can we do?

Seek to mark each day/hour with something spiritually *significant*.

Something even as *simple* as praying to the Lord, showing love to a neighbor etc.

#8

Our Eternal Hope

*For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. **Your new life will last forever** because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.*

(1:23)

The 8th reason that Peter gives
as to why we should live
obedient lives is because
**we have a glorious future
eternity ahead of us.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that we have a future out ahead of us that is incredible beyond imagination and it will never be *tarnished* or *taken* away.

What can we do?

Make a brief list of all the things that will be true in eternity.

Review that list daily/weekly, especially when you find yourself discouraged.

#9

**The Fleetingness
of Life**

*As the Scriptures say, “**People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades...***

(1:24)

The 9th reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because our *present* life is rapidly *passing* away.

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that the *life* and *lifestyle* that we have here on earth is withering, rotting and fading and will quickly be taken from us.

What can we do?

Regularly make a list of all the things that you spent over 1hr on this day/week that will not count for anything in eternity.

What can we do?

Find ways to either

- (1) remove activities on that list
- (2) redeem activities on that list
- (3) replace activities on that list

#10

**The Eternality of
the Word of God.**

“But the word of the Lord remains forever.” And that word is the Good News that was preached to you. (1:25)

The 10th reason that Peter gives as to why we should live obedient lives is because **the Word of God is correct and will stand forever.**

Peter wants us to remind ourselves daily that the Word of God is the one true thing that will last forever. It is the one true thing that we can *cling* to with the *confidence* that it will last.

What can we do?

Keep a Bible journal/log.

Keep track of the time you *spend* in the Word of God. Mark the day and time and write a brief *summary* of your time.

What can we do?

Have a goal that for every minute you spend on a trivial/fun hobby/habit you will spend equal time in the word of God. Or set another goal to work towards.