



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

BORN TO HOPE

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

Peter writes to believers in northern Asia Minor, which is Turkey today. He writes from Rome (5:13), which he refers to as Babylon. Pressures and periodic outbreaks of persecution against Christians are increasing. These are probably not empire-wide, but more localized. Most of the Christians in Asia Minor would have had a Gentile background, but there were certainly some who were of Jewish extraction as well. Whether Jew or Gentile, they were dispersed across the land and needed hope.

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The salvation we have in Jesus is the basis for a living hope. This salvation was prepared for God's people in the loving providence of God before they were ever born. Provided through the cleansing blood of Jesus, it sets into motion a sanctifying work by His Spirit. Tested through trials, this hope fills God's children with inexpressible joy.

The wonder of salvation is that it originates in the counsels and will of God in eternity past. It was made effective through grace by the work of Jesus. In the present we are born again in Him, being sanctified by His Spirit. And we anticipate with great joy the day when our salvation will be complete, as we stand forgiven and perfected before Him in glory.

Is your life in Christ characterized by indomitable hope?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

1 Peter 1:1-12

Grace strengthens us to entrust the gospel to others.

Discipleship = entrusting the gospel to another who will do the same.

I. The strength of Jesus strengthens Timothy. (2:1)

Grace gives me strength to make disciples

II. Paul Entrusts the gospel to Timothy. (2:2a)

I entrust the gospel to a younger believer

III. Timothy Entrusts the gospel to faithful people. (2:2b)

Some statistics to help:

- 47% of millennials, 33% of Gen X'ers, and 39% of Boomers, believe friends are very helpful to spiritual growth.
- 59% of millennials who had a relationship with an adult in the church are still active.
- 11% left of these millennials left the church.
- 51% of millennials left the church because their spiritual needs were not being met.
- 80% of those raised in the church today will drop out by 29.

The younger believer entrusts the gospel to another

IV. Timothy Entrusts the gospel to faithful people. (2:2b)

- A. The goal of discipleship is multiplication and community.
B. Suffer together. (2 Tim 2:3)

The gospel multiplies!

Who am I called to disciple at Highland Park Baptist Church?



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