

SCRIPTURE STUDY

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“The Holy Spirit Helps The Believer Obey God’s Truth”

1 Peter Chapter 1 & 2

OPENING PRAYER

THESIS: The inspiration to obey God’s Truth is found 1) in being born again of the Spirit of God by faith in Christ Jesus, 2) by the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit and 3) the Word of God, which lives and abides forever.

INTRODUCTION

At the time of the writing of this letter believers were experiencing the suffering of intense persecution. The severe persecution was throughout the Roman Empire, during the reign of Emperor Nero (64-67 AD). The example of the Emperor encouraged the enemies of Christ’s followers to use any occasion for persecution. These were very trying times. Times that shook the very foundation of the believers thinking, faith, hope and stability. So the Holy Spirit Guides Peter to encourage the suffering saints (Chap. 1:5-9, 13-16, 22-25).

BODY

At all times the believer must concentrate his focus on several things:

- A. Focus upon the coming grace and salvation of God (v. 13)
- B. Focus upon obedience (v. 14)
- C. Focus upon holiness (v. 15-16)

The believer is to gather up all scattered thoughts. Strain to control these thoughts to focus and think upon those things stated in Philippians 4:8. Moreover, be sober, or live a well balanced life, controlled, solid and steady. Not extravagant and over indulgent. Keep hope alive and hope until the end for grace and salvation of God.

“Obedient children” in v. 14 means “children of obedience.” This says obedience is a basic trait of life. It is and becomes natural. It says believers are not children of lusts, obeying one’s own self, one’s own desires and one’s lusts of the flesh. The believer obeys so much until he becomes a child of obedience.

In obeying the Truth through the Spirit consider the following:

- A. The Truth is Christ Jesus
John 1:14,17; 8:31-32; 14:6**
- B. The Truth is The Word of God
John 17:17**
- C. The Truth is To Guide us
Psalm 119:105**

Finally, the believer is to be holy: righteous, pure, godly, complete and fulfilled in every way. God is Holy. He calls us to holiness in all manner of life. The Word of God demands holiness and we must seek and go after holiness (Lev. 11:45; Luke 1:74-75; 2Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:14).

