

Don't Let People Beguile You

1 Peter 1:1-25

INTRODUCTION:

So why is 1 Peter so important?

Well just as all scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is God breathed, it is important and profitable for doctrine, reproof and instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:15-16), the real question is “are you going to believe what it says” and are you going to believe the bible for what it clearly says.

The apostle Paul also like Peter points us to all the scriptures which is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which you need to place in Christ Jesus. Not in anything or anybody or any god, but Jesus only.

The word the bible uses for when others try to deceive you is the word “beguile” which carries the meaning of that those people whoever they are or whatever religion the from will try and seduce you through enticement of great persuasive words and this is what the Apostles warned you to be aware of and guard yourself against their persuasiveness.

2 Timothy 3:15-16 King James Version

¹⁵ And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

- ✓ That means that every word of scripture (kjv) is from God.
- ✓ Don't believe other bible versions. They are deceptive.

When we approach the bible (KJV) we have to be specific in knowing that this is the very word of God, and is our ultimate truth and foundational instruction for all matters of faith and practice.

You cannot decide to pick and choose your arguments on what you think is true; and you cannot decide for yourself what you think is true about the Word of God. For either you believe every single Word of God, or your religion is in vain. And certainly if you have a study bible of any kind don't believe the comments and footnotes added by those authors. Rather read the bible and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you because He the Holy Spirit is the discerner of truth and He will guide you into all truth, and He will be your teacher. (John 14) as Jesus said he would.

- ✓ Remember it is YOUR eternal soul at risk here.

- ✓ So carry out your risk assessment with truth from the Word of the Lord.

With the introduction of the Book of 1 Peter Chapter 1 we get a very good introduction as to who this book was first written to.

Just as we saw last week when speaking about how important it is for Salvation to believe in the name of Jesus and not any other. Well the book of 1 and 2 Peter addresses those that speculate about learning the Hebrew, or desiring to think that the NT was given in Hebrew or Aramaic, and that somehow we missing the opportunity to know “real” Christianity. Well those are all evil spirits which the Apostle Paul warned about, if others come preaching any other Jesus.

- ✓ Here is the Apostle Paul’s warning and concern written to the churches in Galatia.
- ✓ Galatia is a Greek speaking region. They were not Hebrews or Aramaic speakers. So like apostle Peter the apostle Paul also addressed them in Greek, even though he could speak Hebrew as a previous Jew.

Galatians 1:1-12 King James Version

¹ Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) ² And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: ⁵ To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

¹¹ But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

✓ I think we needed this back ground before we venture into 1 Peter 1.

Well today we learn from the book of 1 Peter 1 what the early Christians were told by the Apostle Peter.....

1 Peter 1 King James Version

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

- All these places are in Asia Minor which is now modern day Turkey.
- This was Greek speaking and Latin speaking areas. It was not Jewish.
- There the language Peter used as Paul did also in Galatia was Greek.
- They never used Hebrew to speak to Greeks. They would not have understood.
- For example the churches in Galatia were Christian churches, NOT Synagogues.

² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

- Elect means they were saved.
- They were saved through the sanctification of the Spirit.
- Unto obedience means they obeyed or “believed” the gospel of Jesus Christ through his blood.
- These were not some torah speaking Jews, these were Greek Christians.
- The NT was written in Greek.
- This was the letter of 1 Peter that was written to the Greeks stated in the opening verse 1.

- The KJV NT is translated from these original same Greek NT scriptures into English.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- The reason why we can have salvation and be reconciled to God is only because of the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus was the first begotten “which means from the dead” referring to His “BODILY RESURRECTION”. If He never rose from the dead we would not have salvation, and as Paul said in 1 Corinthians then we would be most miserable because then we could not be begotten from our spirit which was once dead.
- Begotten us again means that our spirit has been “born again”. something which the ruler Nicodemus could not understand when Jesus ministered unto him.

⁴ **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

⁵ **Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

⁶ **Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:**

⁷ **That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

⁸ **Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

⁹ **Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**

- The verses 4 through 9 all refer to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

- But what I want to point you to, and for you to see the significance of your salvation by believing in Jesus is explained very clearly in the next verse from 10 through to verse 13..

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

- This references Peter is using from the OT is the confirmation of the revelation of Jesus. Not some kind of prophet called “Yeshua”.
- These prophets are OT prophets who wrote and searched the scriptures of the grace which “should come unto you” which did come in the NT and His “name” is JESUS.

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

- From this very verse it tells us that the “Spirit of Christ” which was in them “the prophets” did signify and testified to the prophets the suffering of Christ “
- And the glory that should follow.
- Which would be the glory of the gospel.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

- This revelation of Jesus was not unto the prophets but unto us the apostles.
- But it was the OT prophets which “ministered” that it would happen, and did now happen.
- Peter said it was this gospel which was preached now unto you, and it was at this time when the Holy Ghost was sent down from heaven.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

¹⁴ As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

¹⁷ And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

²¹ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

²⁴ For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

²⁵ But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1. Let me point out right here in verse 25, just in case that people may think that somehow we don't have the true word of God Today. Or like those Jewdiasers or Hebrew Roots movement think, that somehow Gods Word got lost on the way, and somehow we need to listen to those Torah speaking Jews as if they are the ones who have the true Word of God.

2. Well no.....they don't. Because verse 25 says as the apostle spoke under the inspiration of God, by the Holy Ghost, that the word of the Lord endureth for ever folks.....not for just a season and gets lost somehow.
 3. No the Lord is the one who has preserved His Word by His power, not the power of man. You see man thinks that he is cleverer than God, and somehow has to make up things, just in case as if the Lords memory failed him. That's blasphemy and that's exactly what the Jews have done, and so have those Hebrew roots people have done. But not only them.....but all those who have invented all the other false bible versions.
- ✓ Look at verse 1 with me. This tells us first of all who this letter was written to as it list the names of places during the time period that this epistle of Peter was written.

This Epistle Peter said.....

1Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1. Remember this was written Peter said as he was an apostle of Jesus Christ.
2. This was not written to the non believing Jews. No Peter said here that he is writing it to send it to these places. And if you look up all these places they are all cities or towns of Asia minor, which today as modern day Turkey. These people all spoke Greek in Asia Minor. They never spoke Hebrew.
3. Remember from your OT as you read especially in the books of Daniel that the Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Medo-Persian Empire and they were conquered by the Grecian Empire, then in turn the Greeks were conquered by the Roman Empire.



So when Peter sends out his Letter to these cities and towns, guess what language most of the people were speaking in Rome. Well it certainly was not Hebrew. But it was Latin and the majority of the people were speaking Greek because the Greeks were elevated for their superior knowledge and learning academia, whereas Latin was less used.

- ✓ So guess what language God chose to reach out to the strangers in these cities. It was Greek.
- ✓ All you have to do is look up the names in your bible (KJV) and you will see Peter was preaching to the Galatians. Did they speak Hebrew? No.
- ✓ They were Greek mostly, otherwise how would those that spoke Greek be able to receive the message of the gospel in Hebrew or Aramaic?

- ✓ Read Acts 1 and 2 where Peter's speech addresses the nations.

Galatians 2:3

But neither Titus, who was with me, being a **Greek**, was compelled to be circumcised:

Acts 19:10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and **Greeks**.

Acts 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and **Greeks** also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the **Greeks**, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 21:28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought **Greeks** also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

Acts 21:37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak **Greek**?

- The Lord's Word has been perfectly preserved. And realize one thing that the NT was written in the Greek language and translated into English.
- Remember also that if you say or they say that the Bible should have been translated from the Hebrew then that would mean that our KJV NT would be wrong and every other Bible that used the Greek also.

But there is no doubt that there are Hebrew words brought into the NT to clarify or be a comparison for us. For example.

Revelation 9:11

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the **Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.**

- ✓ **But one thing the KJV never does is to use the name Yeshua.**

Yeshua is not found anywhere in the KJV and it's not a name for Jesus even though the Jews use it as if it is.

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