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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

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“Called to bless others”

Peter has had a lot to say about submission in the last few passages. In each case, that submission is the act of putting others before ourselves. It is the act of loving others that Jesus Himself demonstrated for us when He paid the price for our sins on the cross. Because of this, we are actually **“called”** to be a blessing to others; as brothers in the Lord. Contrary to the world’s philosophy of looking out for number one, God’s way ensures that EVERYONE gets blessed when we are all of **“one mind”** in looking to bless the other person. When you come to church, or otherwise fellowship with the Body, are you looking for how YOU can be blessed, or are you looking to be a blessing to OTHERS.

Passage: 1 Peter 3:8-12 (NKJV)

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8

What is Peter calling us to be **“one mind”** in?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:9

If we do **“love as brothers”**, what does it mean we don't do? What does he call us to do instead? Why should we do that, according to Peter? What will happen if we are obedient in this?

Scripture: Matthew 5:44-45

Jesus says the same thing about all this in the Beatitudes. What does He give as a motivation for doing so? Is that important to you?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:10

What **“blessings”** are described in this verse, which verse 9 says we will **“inherit”**? What are we to **“refrain”** from as a way of showing compassion towards others?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:11-12

How does turning away from evil and seeking peace with one another affect our individual relationship with the Lord?

Personal Application:

The human tendency is to think of ourselves even when we are coming to church. We wonder if we'll enjoy the sermon, or whether they'll do our favorite songs. Nowadays, we might even be thinking about how long we'll have to wear masks at church, and have service outdoors. Is this the type of mindset you find yourself in at times? This isn't God's will for His Body. He calls us to be a blessing to one another, just as He has so blessed us. In what ways might you be a blessing to others when you go to the worship service? What about even outside of church? How might you reach out to others during these crazy times we are living in? Meditate on what your motivation for thinking this way should be, so that you don't take the Lord for granted.

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”

1 Peter 3:8-9