

## **1 & 2 Peter**

### **Part 5 – The Purpose of Suffering .....continued**

#### **Maturity in Christ-Maturity in the Assembly**

#### **1 Peter 1:10 – 2:6**

#### **Salvation and Holiness**

3 P's in Peter: That is The Purpose – The Place – and The Practice of Suffering.

**1 Peter 1:9** obtaining as **the outcome of your faith** the **salvation** of your souls.

**10 As to this salvation,** the prophets who prophesied of the **grace** that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

11 seeking to know **what person or time** the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted **the sufferings of Christ AND the glories to follow.**

12 **It was revealed to them** that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who **preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven— things into which angels long to look.**

13 **Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you** at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

*(1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8, Titus 2:2)*

14 **As obedient children,** do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ***(See Romans 12:2 about our minds being transformed)***

15 **BUT like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;**

16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

***(Leviticus 11:44, (19:2, 20:7, 21:8)******Holiness to the LORD: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus:*  
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*(that you might find interesting, this first paragraph is quoting the reader*

*initially): The point he makes is that this quote from the book of Leviticus is still relevant*

*for us today, This excerpt is part of the book's introductory chapters where Ross explains*

*the continuing value of Leviticus for the Christian church. He specifically discusses how the*

*"regulatory" or legalistic aspects of the Law ended with the new covenant, but the*

*"revelational" value—what the laws reveal about God's nature—remains binding. WE are free*

*from the mosaic law for example, but the law stated "do not kill", "do not steal", "do not lie"*

*etc etc, are we free from all of these of course not?*

**Quote:**

*"On one hand the NT tells us that the law has been fulfilled in Christ but on the*

*other hand it tells us that all Scripture is profitable for instruction in*

*righteousness. Here Peter quotes from the Book of Leviticus to tell us to be*

*holy. But since Peter saw the vision of unclean animals, he knew that what*

*holiness meant under the old covenant was not exactly the same as what it*

*meant for the new, even though the words of Leviticus remained authoritative*

*as Scripture. The exposition of the law must be able to make is kind of*

*distinction, or to put it another way, the exposition must be able to identify abiding theological truth revealed in the law without settling back to not a literal application of the regulations of the law. Therefore it is not as simple as saying Christians are "free from the law", for it remains the revelation of the standard of holiness for the people of God"*

***END OF QUOTE***

16 because it is written, "**You shall be** holy, for I am holy."

17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during **the time of your stay** on earth;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 **but with precious blood**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

21 **who through Him** are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, **so that your faith and hope are in God.**

*(John 1:14; cf. Heb. 2:7);*

22 Since you have in **obedience to the truth** purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

23 for you have been **born again** (*born-afew*) not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

24 **For**, "All flesh is **like** grass, And all its glory **like** the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off,

25 **But the word of the Lord** endures forever." And this is the word which was preached to you.

**(Isaiah 40:6-8.)**

***Gen 15:1 (Abraham), Isaiah 1:10 (Isaiah), Jonah 1:1 (Jonah).***

**1 Peter 2: 1** **Therefore**, putting aside **all** malice and **all** deceit and hypocrisy and envy and **all** slander,

*(Matthew 5:20)*

*(1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, **I urge you** as aliens and strangers **to abstain** from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.)*

**1 Peter 2:2** like newborn babies, long for **the pure milk of the word**, so **that by IT** you **may grow in respect** to salvation, 3 **if** you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

**Hebrews 6:1-3** 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do, **IF God permits.**

**(1 Peter 1:5, 9,)**

4 And coming to **Him** as to a **living stone** which has been rejected by men,  
**but is choice and precious in the sight of God,**

***(Revelation 1:6).***

5 you also, **as living stones,** are **being** built up as a spiritual house for a holy  
priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God **through** Jesus  
Christ.

6 **For this is contained in Scripture:** “Behold, **I lay** in Zion a choice stone,  
A precious corner stone, And he who **believes** in Him will not be  
disappointed.”

***SUMMARY:*** *The Prophets of old searched to understand the period between the suffering and the glory of Christ, these people now are to prepare their minds for action fixing their minds on the hope at the revelation of Jesus Christ, being holy as He is holy, purifying their lives by putting away sin, that being manifested in their sincere love of the brethren, as they were born anew, as living stones as a spiritual house and priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.*

**song: Living Stones**