

First Peter: an overview

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Our Objective for Day 3

- ◆ To gain a better understanding of the contents of First Peter **2:11-3:12**
- ◆ To learn how to apply these concepts to our daily living.

First Peter: outline

◆ 1:1-2

◆ **Praescriptio**

◆ 1:3-12

◆ **Proem**

◆ 1:13-2:10

◆ **Body: 1st part**

◆ ***Holy Living***

◆ 2:11-3:12

◆ **Body: 2nd part**

◆ ***Obligations***

◆ 3:13-5:11

◆ **Body: 3rd part**

◆ ***Persecution***

◆ 5:12-14

◆ **Conclusio**

First Peter 2:11-3:12

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- ◆ **To acknowledge human authorities, 2:13-16**
- ◆ **To honor everyone, 2:17**
- ◆ **Slaves, to respect one's master, 2:18-25**
- ◆ **Wives, to respect one's husband, 3:1-6**
- ◆ **Husbands, to show consideration to one's wife, 3:7**
- ◆ **To live righteously, 3:8-12**

First Peter 2:11-12, Abstain

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles **to abstain** from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. 12 Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

- ◆ **Abstain: ἀπέχεσθαι**
- ◆ Ἀγαπητοί, παρακαλῶ ὡς παροίκους καὶ παρεπιδήμους
- ◆ τῶν σαρκικῶν ἐπιθυμιῶν
- ◆ αἵτινες στρατεύονται κατὰ τῆς ψυχῆς
- ◆ τὴν ἀναστροφὴν ὑμῶν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἔχοντες καλήν
- ◆ ἐν ᾧ καταλαλοῦσιν ὑμῶν ὡς κακοποιῶν,
- ◆ ἵνα...δοξάσῃ τὸν θεὸν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ἐπισκοπῆς.
- ◆ ἐκ τῶν καλῶν ἔργων ἑποπτεύοντες

First Peter 2:13-16, Acknowledge

13 For the Lord's sake **accept the authority of every human institution**, whether of the emperor as supreme, 14 or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. 16 As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

- ◆ **Acknowledge:**
- ◆ Ἔ υποτάγητε πάσῃ ἀνθρωπίνῃ κτίσει
- ◆ διὰ τὸν κύριον
- ◆ εἴτε βασιλεῖ ὡς ὑπερέχοντι, εἴτε ἡγεμόσιν ὡς δι' αὐτοῦ πεμπτομένοις εἰς ἐκδίκησιν κακοποιῶν ἔπαινον δὲ ἀγαθοποιῶν ... (13b-15)
- ◆ ὡς ἐλεύθεροι, καὶ μὴ ὡς ἐπικάλυμμα ἔχοντες τῆς κακίας τὴν ἐλευθερίαν, ἀλλ' ὡς ἰθεοῦ δοῦλοι

First Peter 2:17, Honor

17 Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

- ◆ πάντας τιμήσατε,
- ◆ τὴν ἀδελφότητα ἠγαπάτε
- ◆ τὸν θεὸν φοβεῖσθε
- ◆ τὸν βασιλέα τιμᾶτε.

First Peter 2:18-20, pt. 1, slaves

18 Slaves, **accept the authority of your masters with all deference**, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. 19 **For** it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

- ◆ Οἱ οἰκέται
ὑποτασσόμενοι ἐν
παντὶ φόβῳ τοῖς
δεσπότηαις
- ◆ οὐ μόνον τοῖς ἀγαθοῖς
καὶ ἐπιεικέσιν ἀλλὰ καὶ
τοῖς σκολιοῖς.
- ◆ τοῦτο γὰρ χάρις εἶ διὰ
συνείδησιν θεοῦ
ὑποφέρει τις λύπας
πάσχων ἀδίκως· ...
(19-20)

First Peter 2:21-25, pt. 2, slaves

21 **For** to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 **For** you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

- ◆ εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ ἐκλήθητε
- ◆ ὅτι καὶ Χριστὸς ἔπαθεν ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ὑμῖν ὑπολιμπάνων ὑπογραμμὸν ἵνα ἐπακολουθήσητε τοῖς ἴχνεσιν αὐτοῦ·
- ◆ ὃς ἁμαρτίαν οὐκ ἐποίησεν οὐδὲ εὐρέθη δόλος ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτοῦ·
- ◆ ὃς λοιδορούμενος οὐκ ἀντελοιδόρει, πάσχων οὐκ ἠπείλει, παρεδίδου δὲ τῷ κρίνοντι δικαίως·
- ◆ ὃς τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν αὐτὸς ἀνήνεγκεν ἐν τῷ σώματι αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὸ ξύλον, ἵνα ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἀπογενόμενοι τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ ζήσωμεν·
- ◆ οὗ τῷ ἡμῶν ἰάθητε.
- ◆ ἦτε γὰρ ὡς πρόβατα ἠπλανώμενοι, ἀλλὰ ἐπεστράφητε νῦν ἐπὶ τὸν ποιμένα καὶ ἐπίσκοπον τῶν ψυχῶν ὑμῶν.

First Peter 3:1-6, wives

1 **Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands**, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing; 4 rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight. 5 It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands. 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you.

- ◆ Ὅμοίως γυναῖκες ὑποτασσόμεναι τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν
- ◆ ἵνα ἴκανα εἴ τινες ἀπειθοῦσιν τῷ λόγῳ διὰ τῆς τῶν γυναικῶν ἀναστροφῆς ἄνευ λόγου κερδηθήσονται
- ◆ ἐποπτεύσαντες τὴν ἐν φόβῳ ἀγνὴν ἀναστροφήν ὑμῶν.
- ◆ ὧν ἔστω οὐχ ὁ ἕξωθεν ἐμπλοκῆς τριχῶν καὶ περιθέσεως χρυσίων ἢ ἐνδύσεως ἱματίων κόσμος,
- ◆ ἀλλ' ὁ κρυπτὸς τῆς καρδίας ἄνθρωπος ἐν τῷ ἀφθάρτῳ τοῦ ἴσχυος καὶ ἡσυχίου πνεύματος, ὃ ἐστὶν ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ πολυτελής.
- ◆ οὕτως γὰρ ποτε καὶ αἱ ἅγιαι γυναῖκες αἱ ἐλπίζουσαι εἰς θεὸν ἐκόσμουν ἑαυτάς, ὑποτασσόμεναι τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν,
- ◆ ὡς Σάρρα ἠπήκουσεν τῷ Ἀβραάμ, κύριον αὐτὸν καλοῦσα· ἧς ἐγενήθητε τέκνα ἀγαθοποιοῦσαι καὶ μὴ φοβούμεναι μηδεμίαν πτόησιν.

First Peter 3:7, husbands

Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honor to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life—so that nothing may hinder your prayers.

- ◆ Οἱ ἄνδρες ὁμοίως συνοικοῦντες κατὰ γνῶσιν
- ◆ ὡς ἀσθενεστέρῳ σκεύει τῷ γυναικείῳ ἀπονέμοντες τιμὴν,
- ◆ ὡς καὶ ἰσχυροτέροις χάριτος ζωῆς,
- ◆ εἰς τὸ μὴ ἐγκόπτεσθαι τὰς προσευχὰς ὑμῶν.

First Peter 3:8-12, righteous living

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. 10 **For** "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; 11 let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

- ◆ Τὸ δὲ τέλος πάντες ὁμόφρονες, συμπαθεῖς, φιλάδελφοι, εὐσπλαγχοι, ἁταπεινόφρονες,
- ◆ μὴ ἀποδιδόντες κακὸν ἀντὶ κακοῦ ἢ λοιδορίαν ἀντὶ λοιδορίας τούναντίον δὲ εὐλογοῦντες, ὅτι εἰς τοῦτο ἐκλήθητε ἵνα εὐλογίαν κληρονομήσητε.
- ◆ ὁ γὰρ θέλων ζωὴν ἀγαπᾶν καὶ ἰδεῖν ἡμέρας ἀγαθὰς παυσάτω τὴν γλῶσσαν ἀπὸ κακοῦ καὶ ἁχείλη τοῦ μὴ λαλῆσαι δόλον,
- ◆ ἐκκλινάτω ἁδὲ ἀπὸ κακοῦ καὶ ποιησάτω ἀγαθόν, ζητησάτω εἰρήνην καὶ διωξάτω αὐτήν
- ◆ ὅτι ὀφθαλμοὶ κυρίου ἐπὶ δικαίους καὶ ὤτα αὐτοῦ εἰς δέησιν αὐτῶν, πρόσωπον δὲ κυρίου ἐπὶ ποιοῦντας κακά.

First Peter 2:11 - 3:12

What have we learned today?

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