

## “Feed My Sheep” 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter

### Lesson #5 Living for God

1 Pet. 3:8 – 1 Pet. 4:11.

**1 Peter 3:12** (NKJV) *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.*

**1 Timothy 1:15** (NKJV) *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.*

### Being of “One Mind”

**1 Peter 3:8–12** (NKJV) *Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For (quoting Psalm 34), “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”*

- Peter starts out telling them all to be of “one mind” He’s not talking about uniformity, in the sense of everyone having to think exactly the same way. United in purpose, love for God. **God, not a cookie cutter.**
- **1 Corinthians 12:26** *And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*
- Karen and I got a pillow when we got married it says “Love does not mean we think alike but we think together”.

### Ready to Answer

**\*1 Peter 3:15** (NKJV) *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

**1 Peter 3:16, 17** (NKJV) *having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ*

*may be ashamed. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

### Spirits In Prison

**1 Peter 3:18- 20** (NKJV) *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.*

**“Got Questions”** The “spirits in prison” are mentioned in the context of what Jesus did in the time between His death and resurrection. Note that Jesus’ body was dead and awaiting resurrection, but He was spiritually alive during the time that He visited the spirits in prison. **Hebrews 9:27** (NKJV) *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,* **Genesis 6:3** (NKJV) *And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”*

### To Suffer in the Flesh

Yes, Jesus died for our sins, and our hope of salvation is found only in Him, in His righteousness, which covers us and causes us to be accounted righteous in the eyes of God. Because of Jesus, you are “accepted before God just as if you had not sinned.”—SC p. 62.

**1 Peter 4:1–2** (NKJV) *Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, **for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,** <sup>2</sup> that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.*

**God gives the power to overcome our sins, as well.**

**1 Corinthians 9:27** (NKJV) *But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*

**\*Romans 8:13** *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

**Galatians 6:8** (NKJV) *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

**Romans 8:18** (NKJV) *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

**1 Peter 2:20–21** *For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:*

**Romans 6:12–14** (NKJV) *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <sup>13</sup> And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

**Born Again** (Used 3 times in the bible)

**\*1 Peter 1:23** (NKJV) *having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,*

**John 3:3–7** (NKJV) *Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”*

**Sins of the Flesh**

**1 Peter 4:3–4** (NKJV) *For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. <sup>4</sup> In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.*

**1 Corinthians 5:1** (NKJV) *It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father’s wife!*

**1 Corinthians 10:8** (NKJV) *Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;*

**Genesis 19:5** (NKJV) *And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.”*

**1 Corinthians 6:9–11** *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

**Judgment Day**

**1 Peter 4:5, 6** *They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*

**John 5:26–29** (NKJV) *For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, <sup>27</sup> and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.*

**Love Covers All**

**1 Peter 4:8** (NKJV) *And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”*

**Romans 13:8–10** (NKJV) *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

**\*Galatians 5:14** (ESV) *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

**Matthew 22:37–40** (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the*

*second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* <sup>40</sup> *On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*  
**John 14:15** (NKJV) *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.*