

Happy National Day



Greetings from Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church



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Anniversary



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Dedication

LET US PRAY

Context

- 1 Peter was **written** by the Apostle Peter around A.D. 62-63 during the reign of Emperor Nero.
- It was **addressed** to the Christians scattered across regions such as Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, & Bithynia. (1 Peter 1:1)
- The **purpose** of the letter is to encourage believers to endure suffering & maintain their faith amidst trials.

An illustration of two hands, one in dark blue and one in teal, holding a light blue globe. The globe features a faint, stylized face with a heart-shaped nose. The text is overlaid on the globe.

Heads Up, Hearts Set,
Hands Clean.

1 Peter 1:13-21 (ESV)

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Heads Up!

1 Peter 3:14



Peter begins with “Therefore”...

- Vs. 1 & 2

We are *“elect according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father.”* (foreknowledge means something before it exists or happens!)

- V. 3

We are *“blessed and born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

Peter begins with “Therefore”... (cont.)

- V. 4

We have an *“inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.”* (imperishable meaning enduring)

- V. 5

We are *“kept by the power of God through faith.”*

- V. 6

We have a *“genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes.”*

Peter begins with “Therefore”

- V. 10

We have a salvation *“the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully.”*

- V. 11

We have a salvation of which the Holy Spirit *“predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.”* & finally, in...

- V. 12

We have the Good News, *“which angels desire to look into.”*

**“Therefore,
preparing
your
minds for
action...”
v. 13**



The Approach...

- We were or are asked to “you think ok!” or “you think hor!”
- Meaning before we attempt to do anything we are to process 1st in our minds.
- Once we were saved by grace through faith. The 1st thing we do is to learn to think right.
- It means to pull our thoughts; our words & get our acts together.

Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17





He DIED for ALL

**so that those who live
should no longer live
for themselves
but for the One
who DIED for them
and was RAISED.**

2 Corinthians-5-15

I HAVE BEEN
**CRUCIFIED
WITH CHRIST;**

IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,
BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME;

AND THE LIFE WHICH I
NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH
I LIVE BY FAITH
IN THE SON OF GOD,
**WHO LOVED ME
& GAVE HIMSELF
FOR ME.**

GALATIANS 2:20

Peter's exhortation

- A call to mental & spiritual readiness (Heads Up), urging believers to gird up the loins of their minds (NKJV)
- “Gird up the loins of their minds” a metaphor that evokes the image of a person tucking in their long garments to move freely & swiftly, ready for work, battle or race.
- Peter echoes the teaching of Jesus found in **Luke 12:35-36...**

Luke 12:35-40

35 Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.

So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:6



How do we gird up the loins of our minds?

- According to Apostles Peter & Paul is to be sober-minded.
- It means, to be “watchful,” serious about the things of the Lord.
- Preparing your mind for action. Literally, decide what to live for, what to go for & even what to die for.

Preparing the mind for actions involves...

- Daily engagement with scriptures, prayers, & fellowship with other believers.
- Commitment to spiritual disciplines that fosters growth & maturity in faith.
- Cultivating a mindset that is alert & focused on God's promises.

2. Hearts Set

1 Peter 3:14-16

1 Peter 1:14

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.”

- **Implies a relationship with God** characterized by submission & a desire to follow His will.
- **Obedience is** also something we do because of our **love for God.**
- **Obedience is** a decision we make **intentionally** or in other words “it is up to me.”

Obedience...

- Eph. 6:1-3 to obey & honor our parents.
- Heb. 13:17 not only to obey but to submit to our leaders.
- Col. 3:22-23 to obey with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
- Acts 5:29 ...the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men...”.

Lessons from 1 Sam. 15:2-26

1. Obedience is better than sacrifice.
2. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.
3. Stubbornness is as iniquity & idolatry.

Rom 6:14-19

- Paul contrasted slave to sin that leads to death leading to lawlessness & obedience that leads to righteousness leading to sanctification.

1 Peter 1:14

“As obedient children, not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.”

- A reminder to resist the pressures & temptations of the world that may lead us astray from God’s path.
- It challenges us to question the sources of influence in our lives.
- It compels us to have our hearts set to live courageously & boldly for God.



3. Hands Clean

1 Peter 3:17-21

1 Peter 1:15-16

¹⁵ *but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,*

¹⁶ *since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*

The call to be holy is an ancient call

Lev. 19:2

“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy...”

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Conclusion...

- **Heads Up** - Fill your mind daily with His truth so that when trials come, your thoughts will not be tossed like waves but anchored in His promises.
- **Hearts Set** - Set your heart on the One who set His heart on you, who loved you to the point of the cross.
- **Hands Clean** - Let your life reflect the holiness of the God who called you. Not in perfection you achieve, but in obedience that flows from a heart redeemed.



John Wesley

“Holy solitaires is a phrase no more consistent with the Gospel than holy adulterers. The Gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness, but social holiness.”

*But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his
own possession, that you may proclaim the
excellencies of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.
(1 Peter 2:9, ESV)*

Application

1st: Peter says to discipline our minds v.13 (Heads Up):

“So prepare your minds for action”.

2nd: be obedient v. 14 (Hearts Set):

“do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance”.

3rd: live holy lives v. 17 (Hands Clean)

“conduct yourselves with fear...”



Closing Prayer