PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

November 24, 2024

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Welcome!	Praye	r List	We invite everyone to join
a FRIEND	Randall Brinkley is at Skyline		us Wednesday night for a special Thanksgiving
	Jerry Butterworth Tony Hicks pase		service
ALL TIMES.	Kim Waller is home after a recent hospital stay from a fractured femur and ankle Barbra McDonald (Sherrie		Serving Today Song Leader: Jeff Baker
A BROTHER > is BOPN: FOR ADVERSITY Proverbs 17:17	Russell's mother Dick Chapman West with heart i	is in St. Thomas	SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am) Scripture Reading:
"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."	 and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will ind rest for your souls. For my oke is easy, and my burden is light." Mamie Hamilton is doing some better James Gupton is facing a long recovery from an accident. Hunter Crouch is in need of another kidney transplant Continue to pray for: the John Hayes family, Brian West family, Linda Demonbreun, Leigh Smith, Eileen Branch, 		AtmentPrayer: Dwight Penningtonbing someDwight Penningtonng a long dent.WORSHIP (10:30 am)Scripture Reading: Eddie Walker I Peter 4:1-6Me John Vest oreun,Wait On Table: Jearmie Gupton
6pm for another lesson in our "Why Should I Believe?" series Minister: Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com			Serve: Jared Roaden Doug Demonbreun Prayer: David Billingsley
Service Times		Follow Us	
Sunday Bible Study Sunday AM Worship Sunday PM Worship	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	F	pleasantviewcoc
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm	pleasant	viewchurchofchrist.net

Faithful amid the Fire (Revisited) 1 Peter 4:1-6

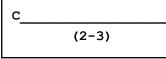
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"same way of thinking" i.e. The way of thinking as what drove Christ to endure suffering

*This was righteousness! -Rom 3:21-26

*The priority of our life should also be righteousness! -Mt 6:33 -1Jn 2:28-29

*We will face pushback because of our choice… -2Tim 3:12



"as to live..."

*What is the purpose of the instruction to "arm yourselves with the same way of thinking"? It is an exhortation to live out our righteousness, even if we face persecution for it!

*How do we live out our righteousness? By living out "the will of God"!

*To "live for...human passions" or to follow "what the Gentiles want to do" would be inconsistent with living out our righteousness.

-Gal 5:16-26 -1Jn 3:4-10

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*The coming judgment is also "why the gospel was preached" > Rom 1:16-18 *Those who responded to this preaching are alive in their spirit, even though pagans may judge them in the earthly realm.

The Example of Christ (cont)

This links directly back to his previous comments on the suffering of Christ in 3:18. In view of Christ's suffering, this is what those who have received salvation should do:

Since therefore <u>Christ</u> suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <u>for the cause</u> of righteousness

So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh **no longer for human passions** but for the **will of God**.

For the time that is *past suffices* for doing what the **Gentiles** want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

⁴With respect to this **they** are **surprised** when you do not join them in the same flood of **debauchery**, and they **malign you**; ⁵but they will give account to **him** who is ready **to judge** the living and the dead.

Even though the pagan world may "malign us", the coming judgment will confirm our choice of righteousness over "debauchery"

Mt 25:31-46; Jn 5:22-23

For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

"those who are dead.." > Their current state at the time of this letter (maybe even because of persecution), but they were alive when "the gospel was preached". Compare to **3:19-20**.

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"ceased from sin" *Consider this phrase in view of Paul's complete argument in Romans 6 *Those who have received God's salvation are not free from the possibility of committing sin, but instead have died to sin being their master. *Those who suffer for righteousness' sake have clearly chosen Christ as their master as evidenced by their obedience in following Him into suffering

-Rom 6:16-18 -Mt 5:10-12

Gentiles = Pagans

*Compare to Peter's use of "Gentiles" in **2:11-12**

"past suffices"

*Likely indicates these Christians had been Gentile pagans before their conversion



"they are surprised ... "

*Those of the world do not understand true righteousness, because they don't know Christ -1Jn 3:1

*They see our view of life as foolishness, and are surprised when anyone adopts this way -1Co 1:18

*Living a righteous life is a condemnation of their pagan lifestyle. -Jn 3:19-21

*Because of this, they will often "malign us" for our way of life! -1Jn 3:13