



## Living For God

**Main Text for The Week:** *“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” (1 Peter 3:12, KJV).*

**Read and Meditate on these Texts:**

*1 Pet. 3:8-12; Gal. 2:20; 1 Pet. 4:1, 2; Rom. 6:1-11; 1 Pet. 4:3-11; 2 Sam. 11:4*

**Main Thought for the Week:** Over the course of last week’s study, we explored Peter’s counsel to us in respect to how we should relate to the government, our employers and our spouse. This week Peter gives us additional advice in other areas of our relationships. Peter gives us advice on how to best promote God's Kingdom; how to improve our relationships with others; and how to improve our service for God. May the Holy Spirit impress on our minds the need for a more intimate understanding of these wonderful counsels in the Word of the Living God.



## Being of “One Mind

### Sunday’s Summary – April 23:

**ILLUMINATION:** Obviously Peter is foregrounding and highlighting the need for Christian harmony, unity and love; by his concept of “One Mind”. Think about this enlightening advice from one of God’s servants: “Crucify self; esteem others better than yourselves. Thus you will be brought into oneness with Christ. Before the heavenly universe, and before the church and the world, you will bear unmistakable evidence that you are God's sons and daughters. God will be glorified in the example that you set.” -Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 188.*

1. What is the main idea that the Apostle Peter wants us to understand in **1 Peter 3:8-12**? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The Apostle Paul also speaks from inspiration relating to the same idea that Peter highlights in the text above. Explain briefly what you understand from Paul’s counsel (**1 Corinthians 12:1-26 [especially 21-26]**): \_\_\_\_\_

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## **To Suffer In The Flesh**

### **Monday’s Summary – April 24:**

**SUMMARY THOUGHTS:** The essence of the gospel is that 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.” - Ellen White, *Steps to Christ*, p 62.

But God’s grace doesn’t end just with a pronouncement, a declaration that our sins are forgiven. God also gives the power to overcome our sins, as well.

1. Is there a direct link or correlation between suffering for Christ’s sake and victoriously overcoming sin? **(1 Peter 3:18, 21; 1 Peter 4:1-2, 12-13)** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What does baptism teach us about suffering in the flesh and victory over sin? **(Romans 6:1-11; Colossians 2:12-13)**

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**Appeal:** Considering the fact that entering into Christ’s suffering is one of the greatest privilege **(2 Timothy 3:12)** afforded to Christians; will you just pause right now and lift your heart in gratitude to God firstly for the fact that Christ suffered for you; and secondly for the privilege of suffering with and for Christ’s sake! \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Born Again**

### **Tuesday’s Summary – April 25:**

**Discussion Thought:** In Christ, we have a new life, a new beginning. We are born again. After talking about the death to self and the new life we have in Jesus (having been baptized into His death and resurrection), Peter then talks about the kind of changes one will experience as a born again Christian.

1. What explicit truth did Jesus reveal to Nicodemus concerning the New Birth experience? **(John 3:3-8)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What changes does Peter say will take place in a person’s life when he is born again; and how will others respond? **(1 Peter 4:3-6)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ILLUMINATION:** A godly Christian life can be more of a witness than all the sermons in the world.

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## **Sins of The Flesh**

### **Wednesday’s Summary – April 26:**

**Discussion Thought:** In listing the wrong things that people had done in the past, and that they stopped doing after becoming believers in Jesus, Peter also lists what could be called “sexual sins.”

1. What are some of the other sins that Peter lists? (1 Peter 4:3) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What do the following texts have in common as it relates to the subject ‘sins of the flesh’? (2 Sam. 11:4, 1 Cor. 5:1, Gen. 19:5, 1 Cor. 10:8) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discussion Thought:** Sins of a sexual nature have always been a point of downfall for the people of God throughout the long history of the church on earth.

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## **Love Covers All**

### **Thursday's Summary – April 27:**

**Discussion Thought:** Peter was certainly expressing the same idea as Jesus and Paul, who say that the whole law is summed up in the obligation to love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves ([Matt. 22:34-39](#), [Rom. 13:8-10](#)).

1. How did Peter say Christians should live, in light of the fact that the “end of all things” is at hand? (1 Pet. 4:7-11) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does Peter really mean when he says that “love [charity] covers a multitude of sins”? (1 Pet. 4:8) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Appeal:** If the fact that God loved you when you were his enemy; isn't that enough reason to love your brother or sister even when they treat you with ill motives and actions? Just give God a thank you praise right now for His unconditional love for you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Friday's Summary – April 28:

**ILLUMINATION:** We conclude this week's study with this powerful commentary on how to treat others who are taken in faults or sin, found in the book *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, p. 267* "The love that suffers long and is kind will not magnify an indiscretion into an unpardonable offense, neither will it make capital of others' misdoings. The Scriptures plainly teach that the erring are to be treated with forbearance and consideration. If the right course is followed, the apparently obdurate heart may be won to Christ. The love of Jesus covers a multitude of sins. His grace never leads to the exposing of another's wrongs, unless it is a positive necessity."

1. How does Jesus' treatment of the woman caught in adultery bring out the idea outlined above? (John 8:1-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Appeal:** After such a heart-searching study this week, do you pledge by the grace of God to so order your life to demonstrate that indeed you are living for God and that you truly love your brothers and sisters of faith? \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Thoughts:** Metro New York World Ministry is committed to helping each member of its family of believers world-wide to experience the genuine power of the new birth experience that is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray that you will desire personally this heart-transforming experience as well. May God bless you in this wise and much more than you can think or imagine.

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