**Sungai Nibong Gospel Hall.**

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 **Part 1 - Whoever Will Love Life. I Pet. 3:8-22**

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 *in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.* I Pet. 4:2

Introduction and Recapitulation:

**T**he **T**extual **T**heme of I Peter: **1 Peter 2:11-12**, HCSB
*Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and temporary residents*

*to abstain from fleshly desires that war against you.**Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles,* *so that in a case*

*where they speak against you as those who do what is evil,*

*they will, by observing your good works, glorify God on the day of visitation.*

* ***A****ct* ***R****ightly in the open and* ***R****ighteously to* ***A****ll*

***G****iving* ***G****lory to God.* Cf. Mt. 5:16

1. The **R**ecommendation –

**D**ear friends/**D**early beloved[*agapētos*] I Pet. 2:11, HCSB

The **D**emand for a **D**istinctive and **D**isciplined **D**eportment for the ***D****ear friends*

 *I urge you as strangers and temporary residents* [See #2 below]

1. Nega**tive** and **P**rivate **A**bstinence in **P**ersonal Living.

*to abstain from fleshly desires that war against you.*

[*abstain -* I Thes. 4:3, 4cf*. worldly lusts,* I Jn. 2:15-17]

**I Thes. 4:3-4** - *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should* ***abstain from fornication:*** *That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;* [The **W**ill, **W**ord, **W**alk and **W**isdom of God.]

1. **P**osi**tive** and **P**ublic **A**ttestation: *Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles*

*so that in a case where they speak against you as those who do what is evil,*

*they will, by observing your good works, glorify God on the day of visitation*.

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 **G**iving **G**lory to **G**od. Cf. Mt. 5:16

1. The **R**easons:
	1. Because of our **H**eavenly **C**itizenship –

we are just (i) *strangers and* (ii) *pilgrims* on this earth. (cf. 1:1; Heb. 11:1)

* 1. ***P****aroikoi* - **R**efers to those who have no **R**ights or legal status in the place

 where they are. They are just **R**esidents only.

* 1. ***P****arepidemoi* **R**epeats andemphasizes that they are temporary **R**esidents only.
	2. Because we need to display **H**oly **C**onduct - *by observing your good works* }See

 That others may **G**ive **G**lory to **G**od! } #1b

*they will, by observing your good works, glorify God*

c) Because we need to **H**allow and **H**onour our God

Who will one day **C**ome to **C**onvert or **C**onvict them *on the day of visitation*.

 Cf. II Pet. 3:7, 12

The Context of Present Study for the two Weeks:

1. **the Challenge to a New Behaviour before the World.** **2:11-3:7**
2. **The Caution of New Persecutions to Come from the World. 3:8-4:19**

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**1 Peter 3:8-22**

***Finally****, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another…*

The “**F**inal” Word to all **– Facing up to the Challenge of a new Conduct** – *Finally*. 3:8

1. **The Challenge to a New Behaviour before the World.** **2:11-3:7**
2. As **W**itnesses 2:11-12
3. As **W**orthy Citizens 2:13-17
4. As **W**orkers and Servants 2:18-25
5. As **W**ives and Husbands. 3:1-7
6. As **W**orking Principles for All before All. 3:8-12 [See #III. 1]
7. **The Caution of New Persecutions to Come from the World. 3:8-4:19**

Intro.: *Finally,* for **W**hoever **W**ill **L**ove **L**ife. **3:8-10-22**

 *Finally…* *For he that will love life, and see good days* 3:10 Cf. Jn. 12:23-26

 The **S**um and **S**ubstance of the **P**receding (2:11-3:7) so **A**pplied

 [Cf. Two other **F**amous ***F****inally*’s in Scripture. Phil. 3:1; I Thes. 4:1]

 and the **S**ummary **P**rospects for **A**ll (3:10)

1. The **C**ompassionate **C**onduct for **A**ll. **I Pet.** **3:8-12** cf. Psa. 34:12-16

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| a.  | **Be ye all of one mind,**[cf. Phil. 2:2, 5] *having* ***C****ompassion* [Rom. 12:15] *one of another,*  *love as brethren* [I Thes. 4:9], *be pitiful* [tender-hearted = quick to feel/show affection]*, be* ***C****ourteous* [philophrones *=* friendly]*:* 3:8 |
| b.  | **Behaviour re. the unfriendly:***Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing* | **I Pet**. 3:9Cf. Mt. 5:44; I Cor. 4:12 | **Psalm**34:1334:14a | *Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good...* |
| c. | *For he that will love life, and see* ***good*** *days* | 3:10 | 34:12 | *What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see* ***good****?* |
| d. | *Let him eschew [****C****ause to* ***C****ease] evil, and do* ***good****Let him seek peace, and ensue it.* | 3:113:11 | 34:14a34:14b | *Depart from evil, and do* ***good****;* *seek peace, and pursue it.* |
| e. | *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.* | 3:12 | 3:153:16 | *The* ***eyes*** *of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his* ***ears*** *are open unto their cry. The* ***face*** *of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth* |

1. The **C**lear **C**onscience in **A**dverse **C**ircumstances. 3:13-17

*Having a good* ***C****onscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers,*

*they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good* ***C****onversation in Christ*

1. The Natural **C**onsequence of good Conduct… 3:13

*And* *who is he that will harm you**, if ye be followers of that which is good?*

1. A Practical **C**ase - *if ye be followers of that which is good*
2. A Logical **C**onsequence - *who is he that will harm you?*
3. Yet an Illogical **C**ontrast – *he…will harm you*
4. The **S**piritual **C**onsequence of a good **C**onscience. 3:14

*But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake,* *happy are ye:*

*and* *be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

1. **C**ontrary to its Natur**al** **S**equence - *But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake.*
2. **C**ondition yourself to a Spiritu**al** **S**tance - *happy are ye*
3. **C**ommit to your Mor**al** **S**tand - *be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

 *Fear not their Fear* (RV) Cf. Isa. 8:12, 13

1. The **S**anctified **C**ourage of a good **C**onscience. 3:15, 16
2. **C**ommit your **C**ondition to the Lord *– But* *sanctify the Lord God in your hearts*
3. Be Ready with an **A**nswer to one who **A**sks of you –

*be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

1. Be **S**teadfast in your **S**tand –

*Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers,*

*they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*

1. The **S**uperior **S**uffering 3:17

*For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.*

1. It is **B**etter to Suffer doing the **W**ill of God and for **W**ell-doing.
2. It is **B**ad to Suffer for doing that which is **W**rong and evil.
3. The **C**ommitment of **C**hrist to All leading to His **C**oronation in Heaven. I Pet. 3:18-22
4. The **D**istinctive Example in **S**uffering **S**et by Jesus: 3:18a
5. It was not **D**eserving – *the Just for the unjust*.
* In **C**haracter – He **S**uffered what He did not deserve; He was **R**ighteous.
* In **C**onsequence – **S**aved **S**inners got what they did not deserve – **R**econciled to God!
1. It was **D**ivinely Ordained – 3:18b
* God **P**lanned it *– that he might bring us to God*
* Christ was **P***ut to death in the flesh*
* The Spirit Made it**P**ossible *- but made alive by the Spirit,* NKJV; cf. Rom. 8:11
1. His **D**eath and Resurrection meant Victory (Judgment?) to Proclaim to the **S**pirits. 3:19f *By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison*

*Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

1. They were the **D**isobedient spirits (*fallen angels?*) in Noah’s **D**ays. Cf. Gen. 6:1-4
2. Their **D**estiny **D**etermined in Tartarus waiting for Judgment. Cf. II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6
3. The **D**ouble role of **D**eath (the Flood) – it **P**enalises and **P**rotects!
4. The **D**eclaration in **B**aptism – **B**uried and Raised with Christ in Resurrection.3:21

*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (**not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,* *but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

1. Baptism is a **F**igure of the **F**act – Christ died and rose again!
2. Baptism is a Declaration of our Death and Resurrection in Christ –

it is *not the putting away of the* ***F****ilth of the Flesh*

*but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

1. It is a **C**onfession of a Good **C**onscience of one’s identity with Christ. Rom. 6:3-5
2. The **D**eed **D**one, Christ is now seated enthroned in Heaven. 3:22

 *Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God;*

 *angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*

1. He Sits Supreme on God’s right hand.
2. All Angels are Subject to Him and All Authorities Submit to Him

**Con:** Whoever will **L**ove **L**ife will need to First Die to **L**ive Eternally.

Romans 8:13 – *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:*

 *but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live*.

Romans 14:8 – *For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die,*

 *we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.*

Philippians 1:21 – *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

**Next Week:**

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