

GROWING PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

17 - 23 May 2020

VERSE of the week — 1 Peter 3:18

**"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time.
He never sinned, but he died for sinners
to bring you safely home to God."**

TABLE GRACE

(tune: William Tell Overture)

**Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless
and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.
Amen.**

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find "best" in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

**"Resolved: everyone should live to the glory of God.
Resolved second: whether others do this or not I will."**

**"I have agreed with my Lord that he should not
send me visions or dreams or even angels.
I am content with the gift of the Scriptures,
which teaches & supplies all that is necessary,
both for this life & that which is to come."**

— Martin Luther (both quotes)



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Come...Grow...Go...Show

let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 & Matthew 28:1-10. What strikes you as you read here?
2. How does Ps 34:12-16, (quoted in 1 Pt 3:10-12) help explain the point of 13-22? How does vs 15a ("Christ is Lord") necessarily prepare you for vs 15b ("explain your hope")? Does knowing your security is in Christ & not how you are treated help you when you are going through a tough time?
3. What does it mean to be "eager to do good" ? What happens when enemies of the gospel criticize or slander us when we are living faithfully? How does Peter help Christians not to be overcome with fear when facing oppression?
4. Reread 1 Peter 1:3-9. In this context, why do you think that Peter speaks about "hope" in 3:15 rather than "faith"? How has Pastor John been defining Christian "hope"? Does that help make Peter's point in vs 15 clearer?
5. Why is it so important for Christians to keep reminding themselves of the gospel message as outlined in 3:18-22? (see also 1 Cor. 15:3-11) With whom can you share your hope & a reminder of the gospel this week? Pray for opportunities!

let's READ

Sunday	John 1:14	Thursday	Galatians 2:19-21
Monday	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17	Friday	Titus 3:4-8
Tuesday	Romans 5:8	Saturday	2 Corinthians 9:8
Wednesday	Titus 2:11-14	MEMORIZE	1 Peter 3:18

let's PRAY

**PRAISE GOD for the gift of abundant life in His Son.
THANK JESUS for being obedient to the Father's will for
our salvation.
ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to make you responsive to the
Father so people see the life of Jesus in you.**

let's BLESS

**Make the sign of the cross on each other as you say:
(Name), † _____, child of God,
Christ has brought you safely to the Father.
Amen.**

1 Peter 3:18b

