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The Pilgrim Letters

1st and 2nd Peter

Introduction

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One of the great challenges for Christians throughout history has been how to be in the world but not of the world (cf. **John 17:15-21**, **1 John 2:15-17**). As **Hebrews 13:14** describes it, “we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.” Yet, we are to be ambassadors of reconciliation in the context of and for the life of the world as Paul challenges in **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**. This creates a serious tension for us. How do we not so remove ourselves from the world trying to escape its corrosive influence that we in effect put our light under a bushel eclipsing the glory of God in our lives displayed for the life of the world? On the other side, how do we engage with the various aspects of the world and not become entangled and corrupted by its passing fancies? Peter addresses this tension in his two letters to the elect pilgrims, a people who are on their way from exile in a fallen world to the greater Promised Land in the New Heavens and New Earth. Edmund Clowney describes the recipients of Peter’s letters in this way: “In relation to their homeland, they are the Diaspora; in relation to their place of residence, they are aliens. They carry another passport.; they are on a pilgrimage to the city of God.”¹ We too are on this journey and live in this tension. We too would benefit from Peter’s guidance in these letters.

Peter writes both letters to the scattered pilgrims throughout Asia Minor (mostly concentrated in modern day Turkey) who are beginning to endure growing hostility toward their faith in Christ.² Paul Gardner describes the specific context in this way: “As the churches of Asia Minor began to expand they faced great suffering and antagonism. Since this was already happening in part and undoubtedly would become more severe in the future, Peter wrote to encourage Christians to stand firm in their faith, and to witness to their Lord in the

¹ Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross* (Nottingham: Inter-Varsity Press, 1988, 2010 Reprint), 38.

² D.A. Carson and Douglas J. Moo argue that the evidence in 1 Peter suggests a growing general hostility toward Christians as opposed to a time of specific persecution. There were several brutal persecutions looming on the horizon, but they were not the specific occasion for these letters. In *An Introduction to the New Testament, 2nd Ed.* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005), 639. Clowney, 20, concurs with this view.

pagan society in which God placed them.”³ 1 Peter was most likely written between 62-63 A.D. with 2 Peter around 64 A.D. There has been a significant amount of scholarly debate about whether or not the letters were written by Peter. Both letters indicate that Peter is the author (or at least dictated the contents, possibly to Silvanus who delivered the letters according to **1 Peter 5:12**) given the eyewitness testimony from the life of Christ. In addition, it has been accepted from the earliest church history that Peter authored both letters.⁴ His audience appears to be a mix of converted Jews and Gentiles for whom his main concern is “their lifestyle as resident aliens, and about their witness to those among whom they live....”⁵

In both letters, Peter seeks to shape the audience’s identity as resident aliens by weaving together indicatives and imperatives. He calls for the exiled pilgrims to remember the indicative of “their present identity as God’s people and their secure hope of ultimate blessing—both rooted in the death, resurrection, and victory of Christ.”⁶ As Edmund Clowney writes, “Peter does not begin to exhort Christian pilgrims until he has celebrated the wonders of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ. The indicative of what God had done for us (and in us) precedes the imperative of what we are called to do for him.”⁷ This becomes critical as he focuses on how we should live in the midst of suffering in 1 Peter. As Clowney observes, “The sequence of our lives follows the sequence of Christ’s life. He suffered first, then entered into his glory. So must we.”⁸ It is also critical in his call to oppose false teachers and mockers in 2 Peter. Dick Lucas and Christopher Green summarize 2 Peter as “a homily on Christian growth, set in the context of threats to Christian stability from a type of destructive and heretical teaching (2:1-3) that is as common today as it was in apostolic times and that seems to hold out a perpetual attraction to some vigorous evangelical communities.”⁹ Given that the people of God must continue to bear witness and live in a world hostile to the Gospel that will produce suffering, false teaching, and mocking, we too need to be reminded of who and whose we are and where all of history is truly going. May we find great comfort and challenge in these letters as we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

³ Paul Gardner, *1&2 Peter & Jude: Christian Living in an Age of Suffering* (Scotland: Christian Focus, 2013), 13-14.

⁴ Carson & Moo, 641.

⁵ Clowney, 39.

⁶ Carson & Moo, 651.

⁷ Clowney, 61.

⁸ Clowney, 55.

⁹Dick Lucas & Christopher Green, *The Message of 2 Peter & Jude: The Promise of His Coming* (Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 1995), 18.

We will continue to seek nourishment from our historic faith and the Old and New Testaments for our weekly devotion and worship. The calls to worship will come from the Psalms as they so often give voice to and describe our experience as pilgrims who are in the world but not of the world. We will confess together each week a confession based on **1 Peter 2:9-12** which serves as the heart of Peter's purpose for writing to the elect pilgrims in exile. The assurances of pardon will come from various New Testament books that describe Peter's experiences of coming to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as well as how he lived out the implications of this in a hostile world. Our benedictory blessings each week will come from **1 Peter 5:6-11** for **1 Peter** and **2 Peter 3:17-18** for **2 Peter** to help shape us further into a royal priesthood according to God's words through Peter. The goal of these various elements is to show us how we should live as those who are not fully at home in a fallen world who are assured of an exodus into the greater Promised Land in the New Heavens and New Earth at Christ's return.

This devotional is designed to encourage daily meditation and prayer in personal devotions and/or family worship. You are encouraged to use it the week prior to the associated sermon so that you and your family are prepared for worship. In addition to the Scriptures and associated questions, there are opportunities to pray for the various aspects of the Church. On Wednesdays, we will pray for the various missionaries, church plants, and missional ministries that we support at CCC as well as churches within the Northwest Georgia Presbytery. We also have the opportunity to pray on Saturday to prepare for a key aspect of the sermon or the appropriate sacrament. On Sunday, the Lord's Day Sabbath, the prayer will help to prepare us for worship in the presence of the Lord. Our desire is to continue to facilitate and grow in our dependence on the Lord through prayer.

May God bless our time in personal devotion, family worship, and corporate worship as we seek to for the Church to grow in the joy of salvation and unity in Christ for the sake of its mission in the world!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Structure of

1st Peter

- 1:1-2:** *Greetings to the Elect Pilgrims in Exile*
- 1:3-9:** *The Pilgrim's Living Hope: The Resurrection*
- 1:10-12:** *The Pilgrim's Grace: The Good News Shared*
- 1:13-21:** *The Pilgrim's Holiness: Imitate God*
- 1:22-25:** *The Pilgrim's Love: Evidence of Salvation*
- 2:1-12:** *The Pilgrim's Calling: Fulfill the Royal Priesthood*
- 2:13-25:** *The Pilgrim's Submission: Imitate Christ*
- 3:1-7:** *The Pilgrim's Marriage: Evidence of Re-Creation*
- 3:8-17:** *The Pilgrim's Suffering^(Part 1): A Ready Defense*
- 3:18-22:** *The Pilgrim's Suffering^(Part 2): Baptism Remembered*
- 4:1-11:** *The Pilgrim's Suffering^(Part 3): Beneficial Gifts*
- 4:12-19:** *The Pilgrim's Suffering^(Part 4): Communion with Christ*
- 5:1-5:** *The Pilgrim's Humility^(Part 1): A Protective Covering*
- 5:6-14:** *The Pilgrim's Humility^(Part 2): A Means of Resistance*

Structure of

2nd Peter

- 1:1-4:** *The Pilgrim's Knowledge^(Part 1);
Grace and Peace Multiplied*
- 1:5-15:** *The Pilgrim's Knowledge^(Part 2);
The Means of Effectiveness and Fruitfulness*
- 1:16-21:** *The Pilgrim's Surety;
The Prophetic Word of Christ*
- 2:1-16:** *The Pilgrim's Warning^(Part 1);
Beware false Teachers*
- 2:17-22:** *The Pilgrim's Warning^(Part 2);
Beware Worldly Re-entanglement*
- 3:1-10:** *The Pilgrim's future Hope^(Part 1);
The Lord's Redemptive Patience*
- 3:11-18:** *The Pilgrim's future Hope^(Part 2);
Growth in Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ*

Sermon Schedule

1st Peter

Date	Call to Worship	Assurance of Pardon	Benediction	Sacrament
Sunday, 7/1: <i>1 Peter 1:1-2</i>	<i>Psalm 1</i>	<i>John 1:35-42</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 7/8: <i>1:3-9</i>	<i>Psalm 56</i>	<i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 7/15: <i>1:10-12</i>	<i>Psalm 16</i>	<i>Acts 10:42-43</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 7/22: <i>1:13-21</i>	<i>Psalm 48</i>	<i>Acts 2:14-21</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 7/29: <i>1:22-25</i>	<i>Psalm 90</i>	<i>Acts 2:36-47</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 8/5: <i>2:1-12</i>	<i>Psalm 118:22-29</i>	<i>Acts 7:8-12</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 8/12: <i>2:13-25</i>	<i>Psalm 29</i>	<i>Acts 5:27-32</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 8/19: <i>3:1-7</i>	<i>Psalm 34:1-10</i>	<i>Revelation 19:6-9</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 8/26: <i>3:8-17</i>	<i>Psalm 34:11-22</i>	<i>John 6:66-69</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 9/2: <i>3:18-22</i>	<i>Psalm 30</i>	<i>Acts 15:6-11</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 9/9: <i>4:1-11</i>	<i>Psalm 32</i>	<i>John 16:32-33</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 9/16: <i>4:12-19</i>	<i>Psalm 46</i>	<i>Mark 8:27-30</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 9/23: <i>5:1-5</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>	<i>John 21:15-19</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	
Sunday, 9/30: <i>5:6-14</i>	<i>Psalm 51</i>	<i>Matthew 17:26-33</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:6-11</i>	

Sermon Schedule

2^d Peter

Date	Call to Worship	Assurance of Pardon	Benediction	Sacrament
Sunday, 10/7: <i>2 Peter 1:1-4</i>	<i>Psalm 52</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:1-10</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	
Sunday, 10/14: <i>1:5-15</i>	<i>Psalm 111</i>	<i>Luke 22:31-34</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 10/21: <i>1:16-21</i>	<i>Psalm 96</i>	<i>Mark 9:2-8</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	
Sunday, 10/28: <i>2:1-16</i>	<i>Psalm 2</i>	<i>Acts 4:23-31</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>
Sunday, 11/4: <i>2:17-22</i>	<i>Psalm 56</i>	<i>Mark 14:66-72</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	
Sunday, 11/11: <i>3:1-10</i>	<i>Psalm 40:1-10</i>	<i>Mark 13:24-27</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	
Sunday, 11/18: <i>3:11-18</i>	<i>Psalm 37</i>	<i>Matthew 25:31-40</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	<i>Bread and Cup</i>

Weekly Congregational Confession

1st Peter 2:9-12

We are a chosen spiritual race, a royal priesthood,
a holy spiritual nation, a people for God's own possession,
that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him
who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people;
once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.
As pilgrims in this world, we must abstain from the passions of the flesh,
which wage war against our souls, and keep our conduct honorable
so as to bear witness to the glory of God
in our good deeds for the life of the world.¹⁰

¹⁰ This confession draws from the language and purpose of **1 Peter 2:9-12**. As with most confessions that draw from the language and purpose of Scripture, some words were added or modified solely for the purpose of serving as a confession with no alteration of the doctrine and intent of the passage. This in no way means to have this confession substitute or have the same weight as the Scripture itself.

The Week of July 1st

1st Peter 1:1-2

Monday, 6/25: *Psalm 1:* What differentiates the blessed from the wicked? What are some ways that you are cultivating the way of the blessed?

Tuesday, 6/26: *John 1:35-42:* What most helps you to behold the Lamb of God and be assured of your salvation in Him?

Wednesday, 6/27: Pray for Mike Kennamer with MNA Disaster Response as his team seeks to minister to those scattered and exiled by various natural disasters.

Thursday, 6/28: *1 Peter 1:1-2:* Pray for the Holy Spirit to use this series on **1-2 Peter** to grow your and our church's understanding of His love for you in Christ to help you live a fruitful life for His glory as you journey along the way.

Friday, 6/29: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless you with humility and sober mindedness so that you can cast your anxieties upon the Lord and resist the devil.

Saturday, 6/30: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for the fullness of your salvation in the work of the Trinity.

Sunday, 7/1: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to multiply grace and peace in our lives.

The Week of July 8th

1st Peter 1:3-9

Monday, 7/2: *Psalm 56:* Why does God deliver David's soul from death and his feet from falling? Why does He do the same for you?

Tuesday, 7/3: *Luke 5:1-11:* How does Jesus respond to Peter's request to depart from him given that he is a sinful man? How has Jesus responded to your sinfulness?

Wednesday, 7/4: Pray for Jody Stancil and Riverside Church as they seek to proclaim the living hope of Christ's resurrection from the dead in Cartersville.

Thursday, 7/5: *1 Peter 1:3-9:* What indicative in this verse will serve as the foundation of Peter's imperatives for the elect pilgrims in exile?

Friday, 7/6: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Consider how Christ's humility serves to bless you eternally. Give thanks for His willingness to become a servant for our sake.

Saturday, 7/7: Pray for our church to rejoice in the assurance of salvation through the resurrection of Jesus particularly amid the various trials that serve to test our faith.

Sunday, 7/8: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to reveal the person and work of Christ to us so that we would rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

The Week of July 15th

1st Peter 1:10-12

Monday, 7/9: *Psalm 16:* Meditate on the benefits that David describes of taking refuge in the Lord. What benefits have you experienced from taking refuge in the Lord?

Tuesday, 7/10: *Acts 10:42-43:* What do all the prophets bear witness to? What is it that we are to believe about Jesus?

Wednesday, 7/11: Pray for the Chens and Campus Outreach as they seek to share the good news of Jesus' redeeming work by the power of the Holy Spirit at KSU.

Thursday, 7/12: *1 Peter 1:10-12:* Throughout your life, who has taken the time to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with you by the Holy Spirit? Give thanks for each one.

Friday, 7/13: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* What are some ways that God has blessed you with His care for you amidst your anxieties?

Saturday, 7/14: Give thanks to the Lord for providing a variety of servants throughout history who have served you by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, 7/15: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to bear the fruit of salvation in the lives of those who gather who don't currently know Christ as Savior.

The Week of July 22nd

1st Peter 1:13-21

Monday, 7/16: *Psalm 48:* Why is the Lord greatly to be praised?

Tuesday, 7/17: *Acts 2:14-21:* What is the purpose of all the signs, wonders, and the pouring out of the Spirit?

Wednesday, 7/18: Pray for the Robertsons with MTW to help others prepare their minds for action with a sure hope as they seek to serve others in Christ throughout Chile and beyond.

Thursday, 7/19: *1 Peter 1:13-21:* What role do you play in becoming holy as God is holy?

Friday, 7/20: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* What resources has the Lord blessed you with to help you resist the devil?

Saturday, 7/21: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for Christ's precious blood and spotless righteousness which have been applied to you in salvation.

Sunday, 7/22: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to help us to be holy as God is holy.

The Week of July 29th

1st Peter 1:22-25

Monday, 7/23: *Psalm 90:* What does Moses ask for from the Lord to bring meaning to his life?

Tuesday, 7/24: *Acts 2:36-47:* What all results from Peter's preaching at Pentecost? What should we expect to result from our repentance by faith alone in Christ alone according to God's grace alone?

Wednesday, 7/25: Pray for the Caltons with RUF as they seek to love the students at KSU with a sincere and earnest love from a pure heart in union with Christ.

Thursday, 7/26: *1 Peter 1:22-25:* What best evidences to the world your union with Christ? What are you doing to cultivate this evidence for the life of the world?

Friday, 7/27: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters that are suffering around the world.

Saturday, 7/28: Pray for the Lord to grant us opportunities to display our love for one another so that He would be glorified for the life of the world.

Sunday, 7/29: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to cultivate a sincere familial love in Christ among us so that we may love each other earnestly from pure hearts since we have been born again.

The Week of August 5th

1st Peter 2:1-12

Monday, 7/30: *Psalm 118:22-29:* What causes the Psalmist to rejoice and be glad?

Tuesday, 7/31: *Acts 4:8-12:* What serves as the foundation of your salvation? What assurance does this grant you?

Wednesday, 8/1: Pray for Chris Foglesong and Mountain City Church as they seek to be a royal priesthood in Jasper, Georgia for the glory of God.

Thursday, 8/2: *1 Peter 2:1-12:* Does how we live matter? Who all does it matter to?

Friday, 8/3: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* In what circumstances and relationships do you need to grow in humility?

Saturday, 8/4: Prepare for worship longing for the pure spiritual milk of the Word that by it you may grow up in salvation in Christ alone.

Sunday, 8/5: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to form us into a royal priesthood that proclaims the excellencies of God who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

The Week of August 12th

1st Peter 2:13-25

Monday, 8/6: *Psalm 24:* Give thanks for all the benefits that come from the Lord being the sovereign King of glory.

Tuesday, 8/7: *Acts 5:27-32:* Why does Peter disobey the council's commands? What is the result?

Wednesday, 8/8: Pray for Morgan Rogers with Campus Outreach as she seeks to do good in her freedom in Christ so that others would be drawn to Him at UNG in Dhlonega.

Thursday, 8/9: *1 Peter 2:13-25:* What impact does your views of and interactions with the governing authorities have on your Christian walk and witness?

Friday, 8/10: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Who will ultimately exalt you? As a result, who should you submit to and serve in all things?

Saturday, 8/11: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for Christ bearing our sins on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Sunday, 8/12: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to strengthen our witness where we live, work, and worship.

The Week of August 19th

1st Peter 3:1-7

Monday, 8/13: *Psalms 37:1-10:* Consider the ways in which you have tasted and seen that the Lord is good. Share this with someone in your spheres of influence.

Tuesday, 8/14: *Revelation 19:6-9:* What clothes and beautifies the bride of Christ?

Wednesday, 8/15: Pray for the Mills with MTW that their marriage and home would serve as a witness to God's redeeming hospitality in Bangkok, Thailand.

Thursday, 8/16: *1 Peter 3:1-7:* What impact does how we serve our spouses have on our Christian lives and witness in the kingdom?

Friday, 8/17: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Meditate on the blessings that come from being wed to Christ in eternal glory. Give thanks for the resulting restoration, confirmation, strengthening, and establishment in eternity.

Saturday, 8/18: Pray for the marriages in our church to reflect the glory of God in our willingness to serve one another as co-heirs of the grace of life.

Sunday, 8/19: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to remind us that we are the bride of Jesus Christ, who eternally serves as our faithful Husband.

The Week of August 26th

1st Peter 3:8-17

Monday, 8/20: *Psalm 37:11-22:* How does the one who desires life and loves many days conduct themselves in the world?

Tuesday, 8/21: *John 6:66-69:* What holds Peter fast to Jesus? What should hold us fast?

Wednesday, 8/22: Pray for Avery Mayes with RUF that she would have many opportunities at KSU to make a defense for a reason for the hope that is within her in Christ.

Thursday, 8/23: *1 Peter 3:8-17:* How are we to respond to those who question and are potentially hostile to our faith?

Friday, 8/24: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Pray for humility and sober mindedness in interacting with those who are hostile to your faith in Christ.

Saturday, 8/25: Pray for opportunities to share the hope that is within you in Christ with your family, neighbors, and co-workers.

Sunday, 8/26: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to unify our minds, help us sympathize in brotherly love, make our hearts tender, and humble us in Christ.

The Week of September 2nd

1st Peter 3:18-22

Monday, 8/27: *Psalm 30:* What reasons does David give for calling the saints to sing praises to the Lord?

Tuesday, 8/28: *Acts 15:6-11:* Give thanks to the Lord for bringing salvation to all people. What covenant is being fulfilled in salvation coming to all people?

Wednesday, 8/29: Pray for First Care Women's Clinic to persevere in the work that Christ has prepared for them to do in Marietta remembering that He is risen and reigning even now.

Thursday, 8/30: *1 Peter 3:18-22:* How does your baptism continue to nourish your faith? (Read Appendix C)

Friday, 8/31: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* What are some ways that worship and the means of grace help you to cast your anxieties on the Lord and resist the devil?

Saturday, 9/1: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for Christ's perseverance in His perfect life, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return.

Sunday, 9/2: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to help us to not grow weary in doing good.

The Week of September 9th

1st Peter 4:1-11

Monday, 9/3: *Psalm 32:* What are the benefits of repentance?

Tuesday, 9/4: *John 16:32-33:* Why is it important for us to know that Christ has overcome the world? What impact does this have on how we live?

Wednesday, 9/5: Pray for Joehann Guadalupe with Campus Outreach as he seeks to use his gifts for the spread of the Gospel at KSU.

Thursday, 9/6: *1 Peter 4:1-11:* What gifts do you have that are benefitting or could be of benefit to the church and the mission of God? How are you using them at this time?

Friday, 9/7: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* If you were the devil, how would you specifically try to attack you to keep you from glorifying God?

Saturday, 9/8: Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us be self-controlled and sober-minded as we seek to keep loving each other earnestly through hospitality and the use of our gifts.

Sunday, 9/9: *The Lord's Day Sabbati:* Pray for the means of grace to cultivate our individual gifts so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Week of September 16th

1st Peter 4:12-19

Monday, 9/10: *Psalm 46:* How has God served as a very present help in times of trouble in your life?

Tuesday, 9/11: *Mark 8:27-30:* Who do you declare Christ to be with your words and deeds?

Wednesday, 9/12: Pray for the Larsens with NEXT to endure whatever fiery trials and insults may befall them as they seek to glorify God among the youth around the world.

Thursday, 9/13: *1 Peter 4:12-19:* What role does suffering play in the Christian life?

Friday, 9/14: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Praise God for placing a limit on how much suffering we will endure in this life.

Saturday, 9/15: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for God's preservation of our souls in Christ despite our suffering.

Sunday, 9/16: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to sustain us through times of testing and suffering.

The Week of September 23rd

1st Peter 5:1-5

Monday, 9/17: *Psalm 23:* Meditate on how the Lord has served as your shepherd. Give thanks for His presence in your life.

Tuesday, 9/18: *John 21:15-19:* What is the purpose of Peter's restoration? What is he to do?

Wednesday, 9/19: Pray for the Women's Extension and those who serve from CCC that God would give them grace and humility as they serve there in the name of the Good Shepherd.

Thursday, 9/20: *1 Peter 5:1-5:* Who does God oppose? What are some ways that you are seeking to mortify pride in your life?

Friday, 9/21: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Give thanks for the ministry leaders that the Lord placed in your life to encourage you to be humble and sober minded.

Saturday, 9/22: Pray for the elders of CCC to shepherd the flock of God that is among them, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have them; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in their charge but as examples to the flock.

Sunday, 9/23: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to oppose the proud and give grace to the humble.

The Week of September 30th

1st Peter 5:6-14

Monday, 9/24: *Psalms 51:* What is David's greatest desire in this psalm?

Tuesday, 9/25: *Matthew 14:26-33:* What caused Peter to become unsure? What causes you to sink in doubt?

Wednesday, 9/26: Pray for the Stocks with MTW in SE Asia to disciple others to cast their anxieties upon the Lord knowing that He cares for them amid their suffering.

Thursday, 9/27: *1 Peter 5:6-14:* What are the indicatives and the imperatives in these verses?

Friday, 9/28: *1 Peter 5:6-11:* Give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of the sure hope of restoration in Him.

Saturday, 9/29: Pray for the Holy Spirit to humble us and help us cast our anxieties upon the Lord knowing that He truly cares for us.

Sunday, 9/30: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to help us to suffer well for God's glory knowing that He will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us.

The Week of October 7th

2nd Peter 1:1-4

Monday, 10/1: *Psalms 52:* How has God's steadfast love endured throughout your life?

Tuesday, 10/2: *1 Corinthians 15:1-10:* What is the gospel according to Paul?

Wednesday, 10/3: Pray for Ross Ritter and Cherokee Presbyterian Church that their congregation would have grace and peace multiplied to them in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

Thursday, 10/4: *2 Peter 1:1-4:* What role does the knowledge of God and of Jesus play in the life of the believer? What role does it play in your life?

Friday, 10/5: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* What are some ways that you are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

Saturday, 10/6: Pray for your faith to grow by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sunday, 10/7: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to grant us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

The Week of October 14th

2nd Peter 1:5-15

Monday, 10/8: *Psalm 111:* Meditate on the works of the Lord in your life and in history.

Which of His works most brings you delight?

Tuesday, 10/9: *Luke 22:31-34:* How does Christ intercede for Peter? Does He do the same for us?

Wednesday, 10/10: Pray for Ted Lester and Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church to equip the saints to be effective and fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday, 10/11: *2 Peter 1:5-15:* What are some ways that you are making an effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self control with steadfastness, steadfastness with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love?

Friday, 10/12: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* Give thanks for the ways that the Lord has blessed you with grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Saturday, 10/13: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for Christ richly providing an entrance into the eternal kingdom of God.

Sunday, 10/14: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to supplement our faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self control with steadfastness, steadfastness with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

The Week of October 21st

2nd Peter 1:16-21

Monday, 10/15: *Psalm 96:* What role should singing play in our worship?

Tuesday, 10/16: *Mark 9:2-8:* What does the transfiguration teach us about Jesus?

Wednesday, 10/17: Pray for Toby Holt and Christ Presbyterian to proclaim to the people of Marietta the truth of the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ .

Thursday, 10/18: *2 Peter 1:16-21:* What are some things that have helped you to pay attention to the prophetic word of God?

Friday, 10/19: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* What are some ways in which you are contributing to others growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Saturday, 10/20: Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you pay attention to the prophetic word of Christ as to a lamp shining in a dark place.

Sunday, 10/21: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to grant you a proper understanding of God's Word and the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The Week of October 28th

2nd Peter 2:1-16

Monday, 10/22: *Psalm 2:* Consider God's sovereignty in and over history. Give thanks for His offer of refuge to His children.

Tuesday, 10/23: *Acts 4:23-34:* What contributes to the disciples speaking the word of God with boldness? How might these things help you speak with boldness?

Wednesday, 10/24: Pray for Wilson Smith and Villa Rica Presbyterian Church to protect the flock from false teaching by preaching the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, 10/25: *2 Peter 2:1-16:* What characteristics of false teachers does Peter emphasize? Why is this important for you to know?

Friday, 10/26: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* Have you seen any fruit produced from your efforts to help others grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Saturday, 10/27: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for God knowing how to rescue you from various trials.

Sunday, 10/28: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to protect you from false teaching that denies salvation by faith alone in Christ alone through God's grace alone.

The Week of November 4th

2nd Peter 2:17-22

Monday, 10/29: *Psalm 56:* How does David, the Psalmist, address his fears? What does this teach you about how you should address your fears?

Tuesday, 10/30: *Mark 14:66-72:* How does Peter respond to denying Christ when he remembers Christ's prophecy concerning his denial?

Wednesday, 10/31: Pray for Ben Duncan and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church rightly proclaim the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thursday, 11/1: *2 Peter 2:17-22:* What is Peter's main warning for us all in this passage? Based on the previous passages in this letter, how do we protect ourselves?

Friday, 11/2: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* What are some ways that you are helping the coming generations grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Saturday, 11/3: Pray for the Holy Spirit's help in remaining firm in your faith in Jesus Christ.

Sunday, 11/4: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to protect you from returning to the defilements of the world from which you have been delivered in Christ.

The Week of November 11th

2nd Peter 3:1-10

Monday, 11/5: *Psalm 40:1-10:* Who is truly blessed? How do they respond to being blessed?

Tuesday, 11/6: *Mark 13:24-27:* What assurance do you have in Christ's second coming?

Wednesday, 11/7: Pray for Matthew Rabe and Grace Presbyterian to declare that the Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise but patient with people, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Thursday, 11/8: *2 Peter 3:1-10:* Why does the Lord wait to bring about the Last Judgment?

Friday, 11/9: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* Pray for the leaders of CCC to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, 11/10: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring people to CCC who need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for the fruit of repentance that the family would grow bigger.

Sunday, 11/11: *The Lord's Day Sabbath:* Pray for the means of grace to grow you in patience towards and love for those who need to repent and return to the Lord.

The Week of November 18th

2nd Peter 3:11-18

Monday, 11/12: *Psalm 34:* Meditate on how those who desire life live. Does this describe you?

Tuesday, 11/13: *Matthew 25:31-40:* What separates the sheep from the goats? What evidences their identity as sheep?

Wednesday, 11/14: Pray for Martin Hawley and Hope Presbyterian Church to live lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.

Thursday, 11/15: *2 Peter 3:11-18:* How are we to live between the now and the not yet? Why does this matter?

Friday, 11/16: *2 Peter 3:17-18:* How have you grown in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ during this sermon series?

Saturday, 11/17: Take time to read the preparatory letter and pray to prepare for the Lord's Supper. Give thanks for Christ presenting you without spot or blemish before the throne.

Sunday, 11/18: *The Lord's Day Sabbath with Bread and Cup:* Pray for the means of grace to grant you hope and peace in your union with Christ.