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THE GOSPEL IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD



Scripture

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:10-21 ESV)

Outline

Big Idea: We must be prepared to model Christ in our thinking and actions

Point 1. Christ was prophesied and proclaim for our benefit

Point 2. Christ is the reason we can live holy

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: Share a moment from your life when you searched for something valuable and found it. What emotions do you remember experiencing when you found what you were searching for?

Point 1: Christ was prophesized and proclaimed for our benefit

- How does the Old Testament prophecy about Christ in verse 10 give you hope and assurance?
- How can understanding Christ's prophesied role inspire us to live a life worthy of the gospel?

Point 2: Christ is the reason we can live holy

- Look at the five commands Peter gives in verses 13-15. Practically, what would it look like for us to live out and obey these clear commands in our current cultural climate?
- How does the knowledge of Christ's sacrifice motivate us to live a life of gratitude, obedience, and holiness?
- What obstacles might prevent us from living a holy life, and how can we overcome them?

Application Questions:

- What would it look to “conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile?”
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us live according to Christ's example?
- How can we encourage and support one another in our journey to model Christ?

Your Prayer

Write out a three-sentence prayer based off this passage.