



Jesus in the Writings of Peter

Main Text for The Week: *"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed."* (1 Peter 2:24 KJV).

Read and Meditate on these Texts:

1 Peter 1:18-19; Colossians 1:13-14; Isaiah 53:1-12; John 11:25; Psalms 18:50; 2 Peter 1:1; Genesis 6:3; John 14:16-18; John 16:8-11

Main Thought for the Week: Even though Peter covers a lot of theological ground in his epistles, the real focus of these letters is Jesus. Both of his epistles begin and end with Christ. Peter not only discusses the humanity of Jesus, and His role during His earthly ministry, but he emphasizes the divine nature of Christ, His leadership, His sacrifice, and His ministry. The life, death and ministry of Jesus are central to the Bible, and must be central to the Christian.



Jesus, Our Sacrifice

Sunday's Summary – May 14:

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: An overarching theme of the Bible, is that of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit giving Themselves to the working out of the plan of salvation. From the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis to the fall of Babylon in Revelation, scripture in one way or another reveals the work of God the Holy Spirit, seeking to save that which was lost. (**Genesis 6:3; John 14:16-18; John 16:8-11**).

1. What does it mean to be redeemed? (**1 Peter 1:18-19**) _____

2. What is the relationship between blood and redemption? (**Colossians 1:13-14**)

Discussion Thought: What does the fact that our hope of salvation exists only in a substitute punished in our place teach us about our utter dependence upon God?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Passion of Christ

Monday's Summary – May 15:

ILLUMINATION: "Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus. The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice. He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal. Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter, and broke the heart of the Son of God." - Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 753.

1. What part of the Bible is Peter quoting as he describes Jesus' experience on the cross?
(1 Peter 2:21-25) _____

2. What exactly did Jesus experience for us? (Isaiah 53:1-12) _____

Appeal: Won't you take some time this today, and in the coming week, to consider just what Jesus' sacrifice means to you personally? _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Jesus as the Messiah

Wednesday’s Summary – May 17:

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: The word Christ (*christos* in Greek) means the “anointed,” the “Messiah”; in Hebrew it is *mashiyach*. It came from a root word that means “to anoint,” and it was used in various contexts in the Old Testament, including a reference by God in a prophecy concerning Cyrus (*Isa. 45:1*). Thus, when Peter called Jesus the Christ (*Matt 16:16*), he was using a rich scriptural reference.

1. What are the words “Messiah” or “anointed” used in the following passages?
(Psalm 2:2) _____
(Psalm 18:50) _____
(Daniel 9:25) _____
(1 Samuel 24:6) _____

2. What was everyone expecting the Messiah to accomplish that He wasn’t going to accomplish in His earthly ministry? (*Isaiah 11:11-12*) _____

Discussion Thought: Do we understand what Jesus is doing today? Are we able to help others understand this, or are we just as mistaken as the ancient Jews on this issue?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Jesus, the Divine Messiah

Thursday's Summary – May 18:

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: Peter knew not only that Jesus was the Messiah but that He was the God, as well. Though the title “Lord” can have a secular meaning, the term can also be a clear reference to divinity. In 1 Peter 1:3 and 2 Peter 1:8, 14, 16, Peter is referring to Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ, as the Lord, as God Himself.

Like other writers in the New Testament, Peter describes the relationship between Jesus and God with the words Son, and Father, respectively. For example, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:17).

1. What does Peter say about the divinity of Jesus Christ? (2 Peter 1:1) _____

2. How does this compare with what the Apostle John wrote? (John 1:1; John 20:28)

Appeal: When you prayerfully consider that it was Jesus – a full-fledged member of the Godhead – that took on humanity and offered up His life for your sins, doesn't that show you how much love He has for you? Don't you want to love and serve Him?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Jesus Christ, the Deliverer

Friday’s Summary – May 19:

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: “The title Christos occurs more than 500 times in the NT. Although there was more than one concept of Messiahship among Jesus’ contemporaries, it is generally recognized that by the first century Jews had come to look on the Messiah as someone in a special relationship with God. He would usher in the end of the age, when the kingdom of God would be established. He was the one through whom God would break through into history for the deliverance of His people. Jesus accepted the title ‘Messiah,’ but did not encourage its use; for the term carried political overtones that made its use difficult. Though reluctant to avail Himself of it in public to describe His mission, Jesus rebuked neither Peter (Matt. 16:16, 17) nor the Samaritan woman (John 4:25, 26) for using it. He knew Himself to be the Messiah, as seen in Mark’s report of Jesus’ words about giving one of His disciples a cup of water ‘because you bear the name of Christ’ (Mark 9:41).”-The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 12, p. 165.

Final Thoughts: We at Metro New York World Ministry are committed to preach and teach Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, as the central theme of the Scriptures. We also encourage and pray for all our family of believers that you daily sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him – of His birth, His life, His earthly ministry, His sacrifice, and His priestly ministry. It is through belief and acceptance of His sacrifice for us, and submission to His will through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus becomes central in our lives as well as the Bible.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____

