



"I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel!"

To one of the greatest Evangelists of our day out there for Jesus...we pray for Charlie Kirk's family as they put him in his temporary grave. You cannot stop and kill a legacy!

Last week we ended on **1 Peter 1:13** – "...*be sober-minded and rest fully upon the grace (gracious Salvation)...*" (From anything physical that alters the mind to anxiety or fear spiritual)

- If we are going to honor Jesus 100% to the best of our ability, our heart and mind must remain 100% clear in full clarity! 100% clarity on the moral issues and decisions!
- The sober Christian is directly in charge of his or her priorities, and not intoxicated with the world's lure and lies!
- I KNOW right from wrong and good from evil always! **Isaiah 5:20** is the battle of the day!

1. Rest your hope fully!

- **1 Peter 1:13** tells us that we are to not just live for the now, but for the future!
- This life brings much tragedy, suffering and pain. Yet, our HOPE is always in Jesus! Our HOPE is banked on our Salvation being complete when Jesus returns again a 2nd time! **1 Peter 1:7!**

2. While we wait for that incredible day...our Heavenly Father watches over us and gives us the way to live from the Scriptures! Let's look at these:

A. Don't slip back!

- **1 Peter 1:14**
- How? By remaining obedient to God! To honor Him alone!

B. Live a Holy life!

- **1 Peter 1:15-16**
- No one is perfect! Yet, with the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit living inside of us...you can honor God to the best efforts every single day!
- We are new and the old is gone according to **1 Peter 1:23** / **2 Corinthians 5:17** / **Romans 8:1!**

- So, this new nature and new start will be way different than before you met Jesus! There will be evidence and fruit of this new life! If it is not...you need to turn to God again and get it right.
- We now treat God with the utmost respect and reverence each day! **1 Corinthians 10:31**
- **1 John 2:6** tells us the key! We honor and glorify Him by being like Him!

C. Our Heavenly Father is here for you as you honor Him!

- **1 Peter 1:17** – We are to pray to Him and He knows the real us! We are to Honor Him now yet look forward to Eternity with Him! *“Temporary residents”*
- What is the motive that drives us to honor Him each day? The greatest GIFT that He could ever give us...His One and Only Son Jesus Christ! **1 Peter 1:18-20** / **John 3:16-17**
- I can Trust Jesus! He is alive! **1 Peter 1:21**
- Trusting in Him means that our life will last forever! **1 Peter 1:23**

D. You were shown God’s love and forgiveness, so you in return are to love the other believers deeply with all of your heart!

- **1 Peter 1:22**
- This love is a choice! This love is to love fervently!
- **Fervently** = to fully stretch to the limits! **Luke 10:27**, **Luke 22:44** and **Acts 12:5**

Closing: The Power of the Word of God!

- **1 Peter 1:23** – *“because it comes from the eternal, living Word of God!”*
- **1 Peter 1:24 – 25** – *“People are like grass...the grass withers and the flowers fade. But the Word of the Lord remains (stands) forever!”*
- **Verse 25** – *“And that Word is the Good News that was preached to you.”*
- Peter goes back to what God told Isaiah in **Isaiah 40:6-8**! OT to NT!
- The Holy Spirit always points 100% of the time to what Jesus said! **John 14:26** / **15:26**!
- *This is why we stay within Scripture here at Endurance Church!* **1 Corinthians 4:6**
- We are 100% guaranteed that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we teach and live the Scriptures! **Psalms 119:105**!
- It is the Truth of the Gospel that saves! **Romans 1:16**!
- **I am not ashamed** = **Paul** had been imprisoned in Philippi, chased out of Thessalonica, smuggled out of Berea, laughed at and mocked in Athens, regarded as a complete fool in Corinth and almost stoned to death in Galatia...**but he kept preaching** in Rome! **Rome?** The complete and highest seat of political power and pagan religion!
- **Power** = Dynamite! **Salvation** = Deliverance or Rescue! **Believes** = To trust in and on, fully rely on!
- **I am not ashamed of Jesus! I will never be ashamed of Jesus! I will never shrink back from Jesus! I will never cower back for the sake of Jesus! I will never give up on my hope in Jesus! I will never let Jesus be ashamed of me!**
- **It is only God’s power that can overcome man’s sin!**
- **Luke 9:26 vs. Matthew 25:21**!