

I Peter 5:10-11

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 8-22-18

Review

Last 2 weeks: The humble service of Christ's elders + people

- Humility = character of those who:
 - belong to another kingdom (1:1)
 - follow in the footsteps of their Master (2:21)
 - manifest the self-giving love of God before the world (2:12)
- Call for biblical submission

Humility involves enduring testings/sufferings

- Endure it...redeem it...rejoice in it
- Suffering → glory

Endure AND resist (5:9) - the Christian resistance movement

- The church is in deadly danger
- Behind "authorities and powers" is a destroyer
 - A lion seeking to "drink down" prey
 - A subtle serpent (Gen. 3:1)
 - Bully + beguiler
 - Intimidates + insinuates.
 - Force + fraud.
 - A REAL, personal being
 - Work: discredit God's word and destroy God's work
 - Accuser/prosecutor/evidence collector
 - Powerful "stratagems" (Eph. 6:11; cf. Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 11:14; John 8:44)

Our danger:

- NOT being overtaken (I Cor. 10:13; Eph. 6:10-18)
- But that we would fail to resist
 - Watch and pray
 - Take up the armor and the sword of the Spirit
 - Band together (v. 9)

The Assurance of God's Saving Purpose (vv. 10-11 ← read)

Peter closes his letter how he began it: Rejoicing in the the _____ of God in Christ

- God = the one who saves, from start to finish
 - His initiative to save _____ time (1:2)
 - His purposes _____ to the end of time (1:3-5)
 - By the HS we experience his glory in the _____ (4:14)
 - Eph. 1:13-14 - The HS as promise, seal and pledge
 - Promised by the OT prophets and Jesus himself to all who believe (Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28; John 14-16; Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 2:33, 38-39; Gal. 3:14,16)
 - Seal - a mark that indicates ownership/belonging
 - Pledge - a deposit/guarantee/foretaste

V. 10 - Peter describes the power of God's grace in four verbs:

- _____
 - Gk. καταρτίσει (kat-ar-ti-say) - to put in order, to mend, to make whole/complete
 - Other: Setting a bone in place, repairing a damaged vessel
 - God will _____ his work in us.

- _____
 - Gk. στηρίζει (stay-rid-zay) - to support, strengthen, buttress, solidly plant
 - We have a firm _____ in Christ
 - No suffering can overtake you as long as you are in him

- _____
 - Gk. σθενώσει (sthen-o-say) - to strengthen, impart strength
 - (Strong's) "To make strong so as to be _____ – i.e. able to move in a way that achieves something in the most effective way."
 - Strengthened to be everything he has called us to be in this world.

- _____
 - Gk. θεμελιώσει (them-el-ee-o-say) - to provide a solid foundation, ground firmly, make stable
 - Psalm 24:1-2 (LXX) - God founded and established the earth
 - Col. 1:23; Eph. 1:23 - God establishes people

- "God _____" will do these things in us
 - God called us and is working to ensure that calling is fulfilled

Peter - from rock of stumbling/offense to living stone

- Like Paul (Eph. 3:14-21) can only worship in light of all God promises to do
 - V. 11 - "To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen."
 - His dominion/power = our _____ and _____
 - Not praying/wishing God's power would endure, but are _____ in it.