

Here is the 1 Peter study for this week as well as a study guide to go along with it.

1. What does Peter command believers to do in 1 Peter 1:13?
2. Why is it so important for us to focus on the grace that will be given to us at Jesus' coming?
3. How does verse 13 relate to 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10?
4. Whereas, our sins have all been paid for by Christ as well as judged in Christ on the cross, how might they factor into God's assessment of our works at the Judgment Seat of Christ? In other words, does our sin affect our opportunities for service? For example, if I get angry with my wife on Sunday morning, speak unkindly to her, and then continue to be angry even as I am worshipping at church, preaching the sermon, and ministering to people, will my sin of being angry and speaking unkindly to my wife--even though forgiven because of Christ's sacrifice on my behalf--have an impact upon any rewards I could receive for that morning's sermon and service to the Lord?
5. Why does Peter tell us in verse 17 that we as believers should live out our lives "as foreigners here in reverent fear"? How does this correlate with what John says in 1 John 4:16-18 and especially verse 18?
6. Throughout his letter to these believers, Peter emphasizes God's grace. Here in verses 13-16, he is emphasizing "future grace", that is, that grace that will sustain believers when giving an account to the Lord Jesus for their lives as believers at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Bema Seat). Can you think of a reason why Peter is especially sensitive to and wanting to encourage believers about this judgment? Why do you think he is so concerned throughout his letter that his readers understand that just as they were saved by grace, stand in grace, and are sanctified by grace--that they also will be judged in grace?
7. Here are the three things I mentioned that the believer who understands and lives by grace knows and believes.
  - \*I am more sinful and flawed than I ever dared believe. But, I am also more accepted and loved than I ever dared hope.
  - \*Because God has substituted Christ's Life for mine, I stand before Him just as accepted, acceptable, and loved as Jesus is.
  - \*God does not relate to me on the basis of my performance, but on the basis of Christ's performance on my behalf as my substitute.
8. Are you growing in your understanding and acceptance of God's grace toward you?