MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



MY NOTES

My Insights
My Questions

MONDAY, JULY 11

Read 1 Peter 1

- When did Peter realize that God wanted him to reach out to Gentiles (see Acts 10:9-16?) How does this letter demonstrate his love and concern for Gentiles?
- 2. Peter gives advice to his "congregation" regarding sufferings and persecutions. These are probably not governmental persecutions but widely spread resistance to the message of the Gospel. What reasons for their suffering does he mention in Chapter 1?
- 3. What does Peter say frees the believer from their history and ancestry of sin (v19)?
- Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for giving me Your Spirit to help me understand Your will. Give me ears to listen and a will to follow You.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

Read 1 Peter 2

- 1. As believers, Peter calls us "living stones" being built into a
 . What is our service as a holy priesthood?
- 2. In verse 9, God reveals our identity and a mission. What does it mean to you to be called "God's special possession?"
- 3. When sinners insulted Jesus, He did not retaliate (v 23). What do you do when others insult you? When a friend treats you unkindly? When someone takes away one of your rights?
- Prayer: Lord, You call me to be Your special possession! Fill me with assurance of Your total and unfailing love for me.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Read 1 Peter 3

- 1. What is the goal of a wife's submission to her unbelieving husband? Christ submitted to the will of His Father. Jesus calls us to submit to the Holy Spirit. List some reasons that submission can be so hard for us?
- 2. In verse 7, Peter calls husbands to give honor to their wife. What are some ways that a man can demonstrate his honor to his wife?
- 3. Verse 15 calls us to be "ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you." How do we offer this reason? How do we respond if the hearer responds with "you're a sanctimonious hypocrite?"
- Prayer: Lord, let me be meek for You.

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THURSDAY, JULY 14 Read 1 Peter 4 1. Peter advises that we "count it a blessing when we suffer for being a Christian" (v14) but also suggest that we DESERVE to suffer if we are a murderer, a thief, a crook, or a busybody. A busybody equated with a murderer??? Agree or disagree? Why? 2. Are you thankful for your suffering for Christ or resentful? 3. There is a final judgment for the ungodly (v18). When? How do we act while we wait? What did Jesus tell us to do in the meantime? (Matthew 28, 16-20) Prayer: Lord, You suffered because of Your love for me. Give me Your eyes when I am suffering for You. Please bless me with Your spirit of love for my persecutors. FRIDAY, JULY 15 Read 1 Peter 5 1. Peter mentions that he is in "Babylon." Do you think this is the actual city of Babylon or is it Rome, as Rome is called "Babylon" in Revelation (Rev. 17:5, 9)? What are some similarities between Rome and the ancient city of Babylon? 2. Peter, as an elder, exhorts his fellow elders to serve willingly and eagerly as pastors. What is their reward? What is the tradition of Peter's death? 3. Who is our adversary? What does he want to do to us? Why does the world embrace satanic ways? Prayer: Lord, fill me with Your humility and lead me, encourage me, and strengthen me to cast all my fears upon You. **SATURDAY, JULY 16** Read 2 Peter 1 1. Peter gives excellent advice about how to grow as a Christian. What is the Latin-based noun that describes this process? (Clue: the Latin word is sanctificationem.) 2. Verses 19-21 give an excellent explanation of prophecy. What is "the morning star"? Who produces the prophetic word? For what prophecy do we await? Matt. 24:34-25; Mark 13:30-31; Luke 21:32-33; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; et al. What do we confess in our creeds? 3. In verse 13, Peter references a "tent". What is he saying

churches to whom Peter was writing knew of this Apostle also? Does Peter's relationship with this Evangelist to the Gentiles increase his credibility? Are their messages in

here? Which Apostle was a tent maker? Do you think the

Gentiles increase his credibility? Are their messages in harmony?

Prayer: Lord, let Your word be a lamp unto my feet.