

cross fit

finding wholeness in a broken world

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Sermon Notes

1Peter 2:11-21 "Contagious Christianity1"

Peter is teaching us how to live the Christian life (The Gospel) in a non-Christian world (vv11-12) with a less than ideal...government (vv13-17), employer (vv18-21), marriage (3:1-7) & church (3:8-9). Is your love for God spreading to and affecting others?

"The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God." –Robert Murray McCheyne

Contagious Christians...

1) Realize their Identity v11a "Beloved...sojourners & exiles..." (1Peter2:6, 9-10)

- What more value could you possibly want or need than for the Creator of the Universe to adore you and give His life for you.
- Our citizenship (home) is in heaven (Phil3:10) therefore, our values are from God's Word and not this world (Rom12:2). (Phil1:21-26; Matt6:19-21)

2) Resist their sinful Impulses v11b "Abstain from passions of the flesh which wage war against your soul." (Galatians 5:16-25)

- It is not just wanting bad things but wanting good things too badly. It is wanting anything more than you want Christ. (Mark 8:36; Matt16:26)
- If we aren't battling our sinful desires...then they've won.
- The power of sin's promise is defeated by the power of God's. "The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one." -- Thomas Chalmers (Jer2:13; John10:10)

3) Rest in their Integrity v12 (Matthew5:14-16)

4) Refuse to be Insubordinate vv13-21 (Mark12:17; Rom13:1-7; 1Tim2:1-2)

What's the Bottom Line? Vv16-17a –Live as people who are free...servants of God. Honor everyone. v21—For this you have been called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

Growing Notes

1) If the word "Contagious" means "spreading to & affecting others." What do you think it means to be a contagious Christian? As a general rule do you think American Christians are contagious? Explain. What do you think Robert Murray McCheyne meant when He said: "The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God"?

2) Peter is teaching us how to live the Christian life (Gospel) in a non-Christian world (vv11-12) with a less than ideal...government (vv13-17), employer (vv18-21), marriage (3:1-7) & church (3:8-9). Read 1Peter2:11-21. What stands out to you from this text? What do verses 12, 15, & 20 have in common? Why is it important for believers to live good lives & why is it so hard in a fallen world?

3) What does it mean that Contagious Christians realize their identity (v11a; 1Peter2:6, 9-10)? What happens when we misplace our identity in anything other than Christ and how does that affect our impact on others? How does knowing that the Creator of the Universe adores us & gave His life for us ("Beloved" v11a) give us an unshakably contagious identity? How does being a "sojourner" & "exile" (v11a) impact our identity & influence in this world?

4) What does it mean that Contagious Christians resist sinful impulses (v11b; Galatians 5:16-25)? It is not just wanting bad things but wanting good things too badly. It is wanting anything more than you want Christ. Explain. Why is it true that if we aren't battling our sinful desires...than they've won (Gal5:17)? How is the power of sin's promise defeated (John10:10)? What has been most helpful to you from this study? Pray db is more contagious!