1 Peter Bible Study Week 3-OUTLINE

1:17 Imperative #3

Intro: What does it mean to live in both fear and hope? This week we will explore the third imperative command from 1 Peter and use multiple OT references, as well as 1 Peter to answer this question!

Imperative #3-1: **17-21**

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, **conduct yourselves** with ***fear*** during the time of your stay on earth. **18**knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19**but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20**He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21**who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1. Define, “Fear the Lord”

33:18 -But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,  
    on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

The eyes of the Lord are on:

Those who fear him = Those whose hope is in his unfailing love

2. How do we reconcile our fear and our hope?

5:6b Do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

3. Do we recognize God as the first authority in our lives? If so, how close is second place?

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
    all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
    To him belongs eternal praise.

4. Can we have wisdom and not fear the Lord?

**2-17**Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 5:5b-6 God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God.

The humble recognize that God alone holds authority and power.

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“The Christian must live life in reverence (humility), because it cost so much, nothing less than the life and death of Jesus Christ. Since, then, life is of such surpassing value, it cannot be wasted or thrown away. No honorable man squanders what is of infinite human worth”

-William Barclay

5. What is something that is priceless to you?

Question for continued reflection: How can we cultivate a healthy fear/hope relationship?