

What Kind of Person Are You?

2 Peter 3

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON WERE YOU?

1 Timothy 1

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Romans 5

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

1 Corinthians 6

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- You were the kind of person that Jesus came for.
- You were the reason! The reason God sent His Son to die. The reason Jesus came. The reason for wrath and sacrifice.
- For your Salvation YOUR sin nailed Him to the cross! OUR flesh HATES Christ! Do we recognise that in ourselves?
- What we will become if we do not abide in Christ! The flesh is growing when we are not feeding the spirit.

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9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

- He is writing to believers. He is still calling us and drawing us... He is still longsuffering with US!

What kind of person were you? Do you remember the old man? Do you understand that you were/are the chief of sinners?

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Luke 7

41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty

42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

- Are you ashamed, broken, fearful of your sin? Do you remember what you were and what your flesh still is?
- Are you a person who doesn't need to repent? Do you know Godly sorrow for sin?
- Are you the least in the room? Does your own shame of sin cause you to lift others above you?
- Are you so aware of your weakness that you are utterly dependant on Jesus? Are you the one who washes his feet while others eat?
- Are you so aware of how much you've been forgiven that you can't help but love Him and praise Him all the more?!
- It is important to remember Egypt and what we have been saved from, but specifically to remember the Red Sea and His MIGHTY HAND!

Sin is personal. Shame is personal. Repentance is personal. Salvation is personal.
Have you been forgiven much? The answer will be shown in your life, in how much you love.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHOULD WE BE?

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18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

- The simple answer in verse 18 is that we ought to be better than we are! More loving, more willing to give and serve, more careful with our tongue, more considerate of others, more humble, more fearful, more repentant... more rejoicing, more thankful, more at peace.
- We ought to become more like Jesus. Decreasing that He might increase. Taking up our cross daily, crucifying our flesh, that HIS LIFE might be lived and seen!
- Others will see Christ, not when it suits us, but as a natural fruit of His indwelling Spirit!

Galatians 5

13 For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom become an opportunity for the sinful nature, but through love serve and seek the best for one another.

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one precept, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF [that is, you shall have an unselfish concern for others and do things for their benefit]."

15 But if you bite and devour one another [in bickering and strife], watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

16 But I say, walk in the Spirit [seek Him and be responsive to His guidance], and then you will certainly not carry out the desire of the sinful nature [which responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts].

- That is the kind of person we ought to be! Walking in The Spirit and not the flesh! Consider the fruit of these two!

James 4

4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?

- To prefer our flesh is to prefer/befriend the world. It is enmity with God! OUR flesh HATES Christ and His Life.
- We ought to be those who walk in The Spirit and grow more and more like Jesus.

We ought to be humble, loving, serving people. We ought to be so in awe of all that Christ has forgiven us that we willingly give our lives as willing sacrifices because we are so convinced at how worthy He is!!

- Remember what you were. Ungodly, rebellious, depraved sinners.
- Remember what you are. Born Again disciples of Jesus. Joint heirs with Jesus of the Kingdom of God. Spiritual beings in fleshly bodies.
- Remember always what you ought to be. In all your learning, in all your maturing, in all... Grow in Jesus Christ!
