

November 20–26

1 and 2 Peter

“Rejoice with Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory”



Witness of Christ

1Pet 2:21-24

What does Peter testify that Jesus has done for us?

Isaiah 53

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 ...the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth

9 ...he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

12 ...he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Witness of Christ

1Pet 2:2-8

How does Peter make it clear that the old laws are done away and our focus is now of Christ?

What effect does the cornerstone (Christ) have on those who do not use it to build their lives on?

Brigham Young

"We have been gathered to the valleys of these mountains for the express purpose of purifying ourselves, that we may become polished stones in the temple of God... Christ is represented as 'a living stone... chosen of God and precious' and [Peter] represents the Saints 'as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house.' We 'are built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.' (Eph 2:20-21)" (JD, 12:161)

Robert J. Matthews

"The prophets had revealed that Jesus would be rejected of the world, and they declared that even so, he is the only way to salvation.... Jesus told the rulers of the Jews that he was that stone, and added that 'whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.' (Matt 21:44.) Therefore Jesus is called a stumbling stone to those who reject him, 'a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient.' (1 Pet 2:8.)" ("I Have a Question," Ensign, Jan. 1984)

The Second Comforter

2Pet 1:16-19

JST 2Pet 1:19 - We have therefore a more sure *knowledge of the word of prophecy*; *to which word of prophecy ye do well that ye take heed...*

What is the “more sure word of prophecy” that Peter admonishes us to “heed?”

Why is Peter able to say that he has “a more sure knowledge” of the word of prophecy?

Why do you think that Peter is emphasizing to his readers that he has received this undeniable witness?

Joseph Smith

"To have a positive promise of your own salvation is making your calling and election sure. Namely, the voice of Jesus saying, 'My beloved, thou shalt have eternal life.' Brethren, never cease struggling until you get this evidence. Take heed both before and after obtaining this more sure word of prophecy." (Joseph Smith Papers, Discourse, 21 May 1843)

Alma Sonne

“Will you remember the word, ‘eyewitnesses.’ These men were not deceived. They knew whereof they spoke. They were as certain and positive that Jesus was the Christ, and that there was a life after death as they were that they lived in a world of reality.... A great and strong testimony, isn't it, my friends? We can receive the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ without any doubts and without any misgivings.” (CR, April 1960)

Joseph B. Wirthlin

"We testify 'from the top of the mountains' that President Gordon B. Hinckley is God's prophet on the earth today. Because of our faith in our prophet, Latter-day Saints echo the words of the Apostle Peter: 'We have therefore a more sure knowledge of the word of prophecy, to which word of prophecy ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light which shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.' The light of divine revelation shines forth from a living prophet to brighten a darkened world." (CR, April 1996)

The Second Comforter

2Pet 1:1-4

What is Peter's message to the rest of the Church regarding the "exceeding great and precious promises" that he had been given?

James E. Faust

“Peter counsels us to be ‘partakers of the divine nature.’ The influence and teaching of the Messiah should have a transcendence over all other interests and concerns in our lives. We must constantly be reaching upward for the riches of eternity, for the kingdom of God is within us.” (CR, Oct. 1976)

The Second Comforter

2Pet 1:5-11

What does it mean to have your calling and election made sure?

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Marion G. Romney

"The theme I have in mind to discuss is 'Making One's Calling and Election Sure.' To do this one must receive a divine witness that he will inherit eternal life.... The fullness of eternal life is not attainable in mortality, but the peace which is its harbinger and which comes as a result of making one's calling and election sure is attainable in this life. The Lord has promised that '... he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come' (D&C 59:23). (CR, Oct. 1965)

John 14:18–19,23

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

23 ...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Followers of Christ

1Pet 2:9

What is expected of those who are part of “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people”?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“As we carry forward our distinctive mission, we work under a mandate given us by the risen Lord, who has spoken in this last and final dispensation. This is His unique and wonderful cause. We bear testimony and witness of Him.

“As Peter expressed it, we are ‘a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.’ Why? That we might ‘shew forth the praises of him who hath called [us] out of darkness into his marvellous light.’” (CR, April 1998)

Followers of Christ

1Pet 3:15

Steven E. Snow

“In the gospel of Jesus Christ, hope is the desire of His followers to gain eternal salvation through the Atonement of the Savior.

“This is truly the hope we must all have. It is what sets us apart from the rest of the world. Peter admonished the early followers of Christ to ‘be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you’

“Our hope in the Atonement empowers us with eternal perspective. Such perspective allows us to look beyond the here and now on into the promise of the eternities. We don’t have to be trapped in the narrow confines of society’s fickle expectations. We are free to look forward to celestial glory, sealed to our family and loved ones.” (CR, Aril 2011)

Followers of Christ

1Pet 4:8-10

JST 1Pet 4:8 - charity *preventeth* a multitude of sins

Followers of Christ

1Pet 5:1-3

What must we be aware of as we try to follow this command and feed His flock?

David O. McKay

“May you [leaders] be blessed in your leadership, in your responsibility; may you be true to the gospel; may your lives be examples to the ‘flock’ so that you may be guided from on high to bless, to comfort the people over whom you have been appointed to preside. God bless the men who find and assist those members of the priesthood who are weak and those members who, for some reason, have become inactive in the Church.

“We are facing conditions in the world which demand the highest intelligence, the deepest spirituality, the greatest effort that the priesthood of God can possibly put forth. Our boys and girls in high schools, in junior colleges, in universities need our help. Their parents need our help. It is time now for us to put forth extra effort to know the difference between right and wrong.” CR, Oct. 1967)

False Teachers

2Pet 2:1-3,18-19

What are some of the methods that false teachers use to deceive people?

False Teachers

2Pet 2:20-22

Why do you think we are worse off if we receive the witness of the Holy Ghost and then turn away from it than if we'd never received the witness at all?

Hyrum M. Smith

"One step leads to another, until by and by the Spirit is grieved and will no longer strive with us. We can go to the extent, in our sinning and neglect, that the Spirit of God will altogether withdraw from us, and then when the light that is within us has become darkness, oh, how intense, indeed, is that darkness. Then we are left to the buffetings of Satan, to become like the waves of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed, to be carried about by every wind of doctrine, to be persuaded by all manner of men, never secure, never established in the truth, always full of anxiety and doubt, not knowing whither we are being enticed. That is a terrible condition." (CR, Oct. 1912)

The Spirits Prison

1Pet 3:18-20

What do we learn from these verses about where Christ went after His death?

D&C 138:28-30

28) And I wondered at the words of Peter—wherein he said that the Son of God preached unto the spirits in prison...

29) And as I wondered, my eyes were opened, and my understanding quickened, and I perceived that the Lord went not in person among the wicked and the disobedient who had rejected the truth, to teach them;

30) But behold, from among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness, even to all the spirits of men; and thus was the gospel preached to the dead.

The Spirits Prison

1Pet 4:6

Dallin H. Oaks

“What we do know about the spirit world is that the Father’s and the Son’s work of salvation continues there. Our Savior initiated the work of declaring liberty to the captives and that work continues as worthy and qualified messengers continue to preach the gospel, including repentance, to those who still need its cleansing effect.” (CR, Oct. 2019)

The Second Coming

2Pet 3:3-4,8-10

What reason does Peter give for Christ seeming to put off His second coming?

Next Week:

November 27–December 3

1–3 John; Jude

“God Is Love”

