



**PETER'S
TEACHING
ABOUT MANNER
OF LIFE, # 4**

I. The Christian is to be “deeply distressed” by the filthy lifestyle of the wicked.

“And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked.

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds”)-II Peter 2:7 & 8.

II. General observations from the text

A. Lot is called “just,” or “righteous” twice in these 2 texts!

We need to be very careful about “condemning” Lot for choosing to pitch his tent towards Sodom-see Genesis 13:12.

Question: Are those of us who chose to live here in Killeen to be condemned for choosing a wicked city in which to live?

B. The word for “filthy,” or “lascivious” is “aselgeia.” Vines says of the word, “The prominent idea is shameless conduct”-Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, Vol. II, pg. 310.

1. It is classified among the works of the flesh- Galatians 5:19.

2. In Ephesians 4:19, it is listed among the sins of the unregenerate who are past feeling!

3. In Romans 13:13, it is one of the sins against which Christians are warned!

4. In its context in II Peter 2:7, it refers to the filthy life of Sodomy!

5. “Here is the very essence of aselgeia; the man in whose soul aselgeia dwells is so much in the grip of sin, so much under its domination, that he does not care what people say or think so long as he can gratify his evil desires. He is the man who is lost to shame”- William Barclay, New Testament Words, pg. 60.

6. What has been said to this point about this evil word doesn’t “touch the hem of the garment!”

Many lessons from the NT could come from passages dealing with this word.

Question: How many excerpts have we seen on TV of Sodomites shamefully walking through public streets of California?

The word aselgeia is one of the most evil words found in the NT!!

C. The word for “vexed, kataponoumenon” used in verse 7 means “to wear down by hard labour, and to get worn down.”

D. The word for “vexed, ebasanizen” used in verse 8 means “to torture, or to afflict with pain.”

Peter is therefore telling us that the filthy life style of the Sodomites tormented, caused to be sore distressed, and wearied righteous Lot as he dwelt among them!

To Lot’s high credit, he did not yield to the evil conduct of the Sodomites; rather he was tormented, highly repulsed, and grieved by it!

E. We learn in the context that God brings severe punishment upon such evil conduct-see verses 4-6. God punished sinning angels, the ungodly men in the time of the flood, and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha.

Jude tells us that those in Sodom and Gomorrha are suffering the vengeance of eternal fire-Jude, verse 7.

III. The application of Peter's teaching in II Peter 2:7 & 8, and the context is that Christians today are to be highly repulsed and offended by lifestyles that are contrary to God's word!!

A. Are Christians deeply offended and repulsed by the following lifestyles?

1. Adultery-Matthew 19:9

2. Fornication-Paul said, "Let it not once be named among the saints"-Ephesians 5:3.

3. Sodomy and lesbianism-Romans 1:26-28

4. Abortion (murder of innocent babies)-see Psalms 139:13; II Kings 24:3 & 4; Proverbs 6:16 & 17; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17.

"For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb"-Psalms 139:13, NASV.

“Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for all the sins of Manasseh, according to all he did.

And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon”-II Kings 24:3 & 4.

Question: What blood is more innocent than the blood of an unborn baby? Remember Proverbs 6:17.

Do you know when life occurs?

It occurs the moment the sperm of the male enters into the egg of the woman!

At that moment, God starts His weaving process in the mother's womb to bring forth a baby in His image!

ABORTION STOPS GOD'S WEAVING PROCESS AND THE BABIES BEATING HEART!!

It is universally acknowledged in the Medical arena that the baby's heart starts beating at about day 18!

In survey after survey, when pregnant females wanting abortions have opportunity to hear their child's beating heart, 80 % change their mind and refuse to have an abortion!

Exodus 20:13 & Deuteronomy 5:17 both should be translated, “Thou shalt not murder!”

Abortion would certainly be categorized as “premeditated murder!”

Laura Ingram recently said, “Let’s face it-abortion is murder!”

She will never know how much I appreciated her courage in making that statement!

Question: Are you familiar with the backdrop of the attempted genocide of the Jewish nation?

Germany got “comfortable” first with abortion, then it got “comfortable” with euthanasia!

When a person or a nation approves of killing on one end of life; its only a small step to giving approval to killing on the other end of life!

Then, Hitler and Germany attempted to exterminate the Jewish nation!

Question: If America continues to fall in its spiritual morals and values, how long will it be before euthanasia will be legal in America?

And, then, at some point, will America attempt genocide against some ethnic group?

And, where will Christians stand on such issues?

Will we be appalled by such things as homosexuality, lesbianism, fornication, adultery, and abortion?

Or, will we follow the multitude in America to do evil? See Exodus 23:2.

God is appalled by such things, and so was Lot!

Can God-fearing Christians in their wildest imaginations believe it is proper to cast votes for people who stand for, and promote such evil?



Dear Boyce,

The scene graphically demonstrated how far some Americans have fallen. By a vote of 38-24, New York State's Senate passed a law allowing abortion up to birth. When the count was announced, top officials exulted, and their senators erupted in applause. One lone voice reportedly cried out, "May almighty God have mercy on this state!" The others may not have thought of it this way, but they were enthusiastically cheering the death sentence just passed on innocent, fully formed babies, potentially by the thousands.

From a letter recently received from WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Christians today must follow in the steps of faithful Lot and be tormented, sore distressed, and wearied by wicked lifestyles!