

Understanding 1 Peter

Coram Deo

1 Peter 2:11-12

Coram Deo is Latin for “before the face of God.” This is phrase that is found at the bottom of the devotional produced by Ligonier Ministries and it refers to the application of biblical truth the life of the believer. Above all else we must remember that we are always walking before our Father in heaven.

Where do you fit in?

Being Heavenly Minded

We do not Belong

- The concept of alien or stranger brings with it the idea of not belonging.
- Believers experience an ever increasing desire to experience a state where we are freed from sin and with our Lord. *Romans 8:18-27*

Temporary

- Believers do not belong this world, but are simply passing through on behalf of their king.
- At best, in comparison with eternity, this life is called a “passing mist.”
- The obvious application of the temporary nature of our earthly existence is that we are not be get to entangled in this world. *James 4:14*

Know Your Enemy

Identifying Your Sinful Desires

Physician Know Thyself

- The believer must know where he is weak or he cannot work on that weakness.
- It is the sin of pride that keeps us from giving an honest evaluation of our areas of spiritual need. *Proverbs 11:2*

Spiritual Warfare

- There are evil spiritual forces that are effecting are walk with Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 6:10-12*
- The believer must have an awareness of the ever-present spiritual warfare so that he is not caught unaware.

The Battle Cannot be of a Passive Sort

Affirming Responsibility

Hyper Calvinism

Denial of responsibility to LIVE the Christian life is to deny biblical truth. *Philippians 3:12-14*

Biblical Calvinism

The believer is to use all of his effort to live for his King. *Hebrews 12:4*

Living on Display

Making Our Lives Count

- Living for your Lord before an unbelieving world is a requirement for being an elder/pastor in the New Covenant era. *1 Timothy 3:7*
- Living for your Lord before unbelieving family members is also living your life before an unbelieving world. *1 Timothy 3:4-5*

- Believers are called to be SALT and LIGHT to the unbelieving world. We must not underestimate how the Lord can use a changed life. *Matthew 5:13-16*