

MARCH 19, 2023

# LIVING STONES

## OBTAINING GOD'S BLESSING

### 1 PETER 3:8-12

**Legalism** - Sin results in shame until forgiveness is earned.

**Antinomianism** - Grace frees us to sin without concern for our conduct.

**Biblical Truth** - Grace frees us from sin to live holy lives for God out of love.

Two principles from our text:

1) We reap what we sow.

Galatians 6:7-8 ... *"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."*

2) Our actions impact our relationship with God.

## Discussion Questions

- 1) In what ways do legalism and antinomianism distort the truth of the Bible? Am I tempted to lean towards either of these false teachings? If so, why?
- 2) How have I seen the principle of reaping what I sow in my own life?
- 3) What is one time when my actions turned me away from God? What did I do to restore the relationship?
- 4) How do I know God will never reject me even if I turn away from Him? (Romans 8)

## Memory Verse for March

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode."

**Exodus 15:11-13**

## From the Resources

"The first five virtues of a mature Christian are related to how we *think* (like-minded and humble in spirit\_ and how we *feel* (sympathetic, brotherly, and compassionate). The last four characteristics relate to what we do and say-the outward actions as they directly affect people ... Mind, emotion, and will must all grow together into a well-rounded, balanced character."

- Charles Swindoll  
*Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary James, 1-2 Peter (212)*