

I Peter 2:11-3:7

2¹² *“Live such good lives among the pagans...”*

(2:11-12) **For _____ sake.**

(2:13-17) **For _____ sake.**

(2:18-20) **For _____ sake.**

(2:21-25) **For _____ sake.**

(3:1-7) **For _____ sakes.**

Takin’ it “to-go”:

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS & MESSAGE SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, May 21, 2023: “For Goodness’ Sake!” – I Peter 2:11-3:7

Having fun with it:

For a little “Christmas in May”... sing the good ol’ Christmas carol, **“Santa Claus is Coming to Town”** aloud.

Thinking about it:

Think about the line, *“So be good for goodness’ sake.”* The phrase means to be good, just for the sake of being good.

- Why is the song really telling them they should be good?
- Is it really *“for goodness’ sake”* or are there ulterior motives for being good?
- If so, are those motives selfless or selfish?

READ: I Peter 2:11-3:7

(P.S. Remember, the epistles are letters written to specific people in a specific time and culture. Slavery and the status of women were very different from what we understand them to be today. I encourage you to watch Sunday’s message, especially where I reveal the original Greek text used in regard to women.)

- How many different reasons can you find for why this passage tells us to modify our behavior (*“be good”*) in the situations in which we find ourselves?

- If you had to summarize this passage into one (1) main reason for *“being good,”* what would that be?

Pray: Thank God for the Truth in Romans 5:8 that **“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** His behavior was “modified” by His Love for us! He calls us to modify our behavior out of Love for Him and Love for others. Ask Him to show you how you can better relate to those around you for the sake of the Gospel! You can help the people you interact with come to ETERNAL SALVATION!!!

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(2:18-20) For **GOD’S** sake.

(2:21-25) For **CHRIST’S** sake.

(3:1-7) For **OUR LOVED ONES’** sakes.

Takin’ it “to-go”: *May my love for God and for others be the driving force in all I do!*