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# Pepto Or Peace



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,  
Pastor John

## RESOURCES USED

- \* The Companion Bible
- \* Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- \* Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- \* A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- \* Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- \* The American College Dictionary
- \* World's Bible Handbook
- \* The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- \* Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- \* The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- \* God's Plan For Man
- \* Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- \* Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- \* Manners And Customs From the Bible
- \* What The Bible Is All About
- \* Halley's Bible Handbook

*These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!*

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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## OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

*Hosea 4:6*

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

*Proverbs 23:7*

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

*Colossians 1:9*

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

*Proverbs 24:3-5*

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

*Mark 13:10*

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,  
*John and Karen Pelizzari*

## PEPTO OR PEACE

**Judges 21:25      In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**

1. The book of Judges shows us how God deals with people who one day are “in” with God and the next day they are not.
  - a. One day they tolerate Him and the next time He gets to be a bother because of the disciplined lifestyle that is expected of us.
2. So every time Israel got away from God and did their own thing, trouble came.
  - a. Financial attacks.
  - b. Expectations delayed.
  - c. Sickness / disease.
  - d. Wars / conflicts.
  - e. Stressful / hard times.
  - f. Lack of security.
3. After they became tired of living like that, God would send them a ‘Judge’ to confront them of their

wrong doings and help them get back on track by repentance and putting God back into the equation.

4. With this verse, we see that they are living in a season of their lives when they have chosen not to submit to an authority figure ordained for their life, but simply do what they wanted to.
5. This is similar to how some church folks live. They say they are submitted to God, but contradict themselves when they corrected by the man / woman that God has put into their lives to watch over their souls.

a. **Hebrews 13:17**      **Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.**

b. **Hebrews 13:17 (NLT)**      **Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are**

**accountable to God. Give them reason to do this joyfully and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.**

c. **Hebrews 13:17 (MSG)**      **Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?**

6. When you have no spiritual authority covering your life, you will do what seems right in your eyes.
  - a. And you'll probably say that the Lord told you so or that the Spirit is leading you otherwise.
  - b. Notice the results...

**Ruth 1:1**      **Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a**

**famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.**

7. Even though God had sent “judges” to help the people get on track, there was still a famine...why?
8. Because they never made a solid commitment to the Lord but only used Him every time things got bad.
  - a. He became their God out of desperation instead of their God for eternal salvation.
9. They allowed their circumstances to dictate their relationship with God. Again, this is a similar pattern of church folks today. They allow their point of view to determine their walk with God.
10. There are two viewpoints in this life.
  - a. The first is the human viewpoint which looks at circumstances through our own natural mind, our own natural understanding, and with our own natural wisdom.
  - b. This point of view trusts in money in the bank, job security, bonuses and benefits, education and skills, credit scores and deals in the working.
  - c. The second viewpoint is the divine viewpoint.

- d. This point of view looks at trials, troubles, and tribulations through the eyes of God, through the Word of God, through the promises of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - e. This point of view has a security based on the fact that they are living to the best of their ability a life that is pleasing to God.
11. The human viewpoint is always at war with the divine point of view because it is not logical, makes no sense and requires faith.

**Romans 8:5      For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**

12. Two ways at looking at life. By the flesh, meaning what makes sense to you and seems right by your standards.
  - a. Or by the spirit, based upon the promises of God.
13. You can tell who you trust the most when a problem arises by noticing who you turn to first in a crisis.
  - a. Yourself for a solution based on skills, ability, connections or checkbook.
  - b. Or God, based on His promises.

**Romans 8:6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

14. Carnal mindedness, that human, logical point of view that is so desperately trying to figure out “how, when, why and where” will eat away at your body through worry, anxiety, stress, doubts, fears and apprehensions.
15. As a believer, life and peace are the by products when one has made Jesus “King” in their life.
  - a. How...because a spiritually minded person, one who trusts God in all matters has a written guarantee that all things are going to eventually work out for their benefit.

**Romans 8:7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

**Enmity** - Gk - *echthra* - hostile, hatred; opposition to.

16. See, this explains why some people get so mad when you talk to them about Jesus.
  - a. But it also explains why some church folks get so mad when you talk to them about tithing, church attendance, prayer, serving in the church or Bible study.

- b. Because they don't want to submit to God's Word concerning that area of their life.
17. See, you have:
  - a. Money problems when you have a problem with tithing.
  - b. You have church attendance problems when the world has more of your attention.
  - c. You have emotional problems when you're too busy to pray.
  - d. You won't submit to serve so you'll never be promoted to lead.
  - e. You have more problems because you don't study the promises.
18. You need to understand that no one is immune to the human point of view. Everyone is subject to seeing life from the human viewpoint.
  - a. But the outcome of your situation is based on what you trust in: your mind or your Messiah.
19. See, there are times when we have battled with the devil for so long that we will be tempted to look at things from our own point of view rather than God's.
20. We begin to think:

- a. How am I going to get through this situation?
- b. How am I going to come up with the money this time?
- c. When am I ever going to get over this sickness?
- d. Where are we going to get all these things we need?

21. And so we allow our problems to turn into a stronghold.

- a. Meaning our problem now has such a strong hold in our minds that we become so fixated that we can't think of any other thing.
- b. And the pressure is on...come on brain, come on luck, come on lucky stars...

22. So how should we respond?

**Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**

23. This is the wonderful thing about God, He gives us a choice.

**Colossians 3:2 (NLT) Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth.**

24. I can listen inside myself what heaven has to say or I can listen inside myself what the enemy has to say.

- a. The conversation from heaven brings life and peace.
- b. The conversation from satan brings fear and torment.

**Colossians 3:2 (MSG) Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.**

25. When Jesus is your King at all times, you'll see things from His perspective. When satan speaks through your carnal mind, you'll end up in famine.

- a. See, when you are in a famine season of your life, but you still have peace, Jesus is your King and He will sustain you.
- b. When your carnal mind made the decision even though it seemed right in your eyes, famine will begin to creep in.

26. Here is why I choose to set my affections on things above.

**Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.**

27. I died. My flesh no longer has the right to dictate to me how things will turn out based upon my emotions, likes or dislikes, preferences, how things look, my past experiences or the opinions of others.

- a. Our mind, thoughts, emotions, our point of view should all be fixed on things above, from a heavenly rather than earthly perspective.

**Colossians 3:3 (NLT) For you died when Christ died, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.**

28. Because Jesus is my King, I am hidden in the King and His Kingdom.

**Colossians 3:3 (MSG) Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life.**

29. That means before my trial, tribulation, problem or crisis can affect me, it has to go through my King and His Kingdom first.

**Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**

30. Here is where you shut the door to the devil and his access to your mind. You tell yourself, “**God is for me, He’s on my side!**”

31. Many people have fallen for the greatest lie satan ever came up with...let’s look at it.

- a. Keep your place here in Romans...

**Genesis 3:1-5 [1] Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? [2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: [3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. [4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: [5] For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

32. How do you tempt someone who lives in a perfect world and has everything at their disposal? You convince them that God is holding back.

- a. A lot of people are mad at God because He didn’t answer their request like they thought He

should have...so they assume He must obviously be holding back.

b. Back to Romans...

**Romans 8:31 (MSG) So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose?**

33. See, we can't lose.

**Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**

**Romans 8:32 (NLT) Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?**

34. If God the Father willingly gave us His Son Jesus, what makes you think otherwise?

35. We have the idea that when you are born again, everything in life will be good.

a. The truth is that there may be times when things get worse after you are born again; problems seem to multiply.

b. When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you can really become a target for the enemy.

36. See, satan's plan is to unleash all of hell against you. The good news is that Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against you (the Church)."

37. It's not that we will never have problems. The difference is, when those problems come, we can walk in the Word of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit and God will cause all things to work together for our good.

38. When people have problems:

a. They will be in church every time the door is opened.

b. They'll be here every week with their note pad, shouting "Hallelujah."

c. They'll be marking up their Bible, buying CDs.

d. They will arrive early and stay late.

e. They'll volunteer for everything.

39. But sometimes the answered prayers can become the problem, especially in the area of finances.

40. See, as soon as the money starts to manifest, the car gets fixed, the house payments are caught up, the kids have clothes on their backs, and the savings

account is healthy, church becomes less of a priority than it once was.

- a. That's why you don't find many Christians winning the lottery.
- b. You'd never come to church.
- c. You'd try to tell the Pastor what to preach or else you won't tithe.

- 41. Prosperity is one of the things that will quickly cause church folks to get their eyes off of God.
- 42. When every need is supplied and money is in the bank, many Christians stop coming to church, commit to serve or are willing to submit.
- 43. Prosperity becomes a great test to see whether or not a believer will continue following the Lord.
  - a. Prosperity makes some folks become too busy to be part of the Body.
- 44. Whether we are facing problems or prosperity, our attention and focus must be on the Lord at all times.
- 45. Would it be blasphemy to think you can face a problem God cannot bring you through?
  - a. He has already brought you from death to life.
  - b. And He has already brought you out of darkness and into the light.

46. When we look at things from the human perspective, the giants can appear very large.

- a. The problems can look big, but God is waiting for us to remember His promises.
- b. When Satan comes against you, he comes against God.

**Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

- 47. All of your problems are caused by a who...Satan.
  - a. He uses people and circumstances against you.
- 48. Notice what he uses:
  - a. **Tribulation** - this is pressure from circumstances.
    - 1. Sometimes the devil may not attack us directly, but he is working through circumstances.
  - b. **Distress** - mental anguish.
    - 1. Negative reports, threats, accusations all designed to flood our imagination.

2. We start thinking of the worst case scenario which leads to confusion and fear.
- c. **Persecution** - is a demonic attack on you or your character.
  1. Accusations, gossip, slander all designed to bring pain and rejection.
- d. **Famine** - is a lack of provisions for your natural life...things are scarce or running out.
- e. **Nakedness** - is a lack of clothing; no covering, out in the open or on your own.
- f. **Peril** - is impending doom (current economy).
- g. **Sword** - symbolizes war and words.
  1. He said, she said, gossip, accusations, slander, rumors.

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49. When you have no King, you'll do what you think is right in your eyes, but it only leads to famine.
  - a. You need a king...why?

**Ecclesiastes 8:4** Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

50. When the King makes a decree, who can challenge it?

**Ecclesiastes 8:4 (NLT)** The king's command is backed by great power. No one can resist or question it.

**Ecclesiastes 8:4 (MSG)** The king has the last word. Who dares say to him, "What are you doing?"

51. God has given you the last say over your situation! "Rise up Oh King..."

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