

THE STUDY OF I PETER

This study is designed to encourage you to begin to develop a solid foundation for the book or epistle you are studying. In each study you will find a brief background on the book or letter, general themes found in the book, a list of key words found within the chapter and a set of questions can be answered directly from the verse provided at the end of the question.

Please plan to read the book or letter in its entirety first then begin the study. You will need a pen, a note pad, and your Bible. Once you've read through the entire book go back to the beginning and read the first chapter. Circle key words in that chapter. Compare your key words with the key words listed in the study. Now read the chapter again, and mark in your margin, key points. Jot down key points on your own note pad.

Answer the questions for chapter one. You will find the answer in the verse provided at the end of the question. When you have finished the questions, retitle the chapter. The names and subtitles are not divinely inspired but placed there to give clarity. This exercise will help you develop in your own mind, the important aspects of each chapter. Proceed in this fashion until you finish the course of study. You will find that when the study is repeated you will glean new and fresh revelation each time. Before you begin however, begin in prayer asking the Lord to give you revelation and understanding.

1. Read the entire book or epistle in one day if possible.
2. Next, read the 1st chapter marking all key words.
3. Compare your key words with those listed in the study.
4. Make a note in the margin of the key points in each chapter
5. Jot down the key points on your own note pad.
6. Read the chapter again.

7. Answer the questions for each chapter and retitle the chapter.

When you complete the study you should have a solid foundational understanding of what the author was conveying through the power of the Holy Spirit. Small group studies or Sunday school classes will find it extremely helpful to allow for open discussion after each chapter. Plan on covering one half a chapter per week if you do have discussion. If you are not in a small group or Adult Bible Fellowship, then you may want to encourage a friend to join you in your study. Now let's begin.

Background

Read Acts (describing Peter) first 12 chapters of Acts devoted to his ministry

Peter an apostle of Christ Jesus (1:10)

was on one of the original Twelve Apostles

Written A.D. 60's

written with the help of Silas

12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

he was on one of the original Twelve Apostles

1 of the seven general letters

two NT epistles bear his name

He was called to minister mostly to the Jews (Gal 2:7)

John 21:18-19 His death???

Addressed to 5 Roman provinces of Asia Minor north of Taurus Mountains thus a general letter to the christian communities scattered throughout

predominately gentile assumed because of their former lifestyle (1:14, 18; 4:3). way of life

Only 1 of three times the term "Christian" is mentioned in the New Testament (Acts 11:26, 26:28, I Peter 4:16)

Peter wrote from Babylon cryptic for Rome possibly (Code word for Rome) (Rev 14:8 17:5)

ended his apostolic career in Rome and was executed in the Neronian persecution (c. a.d. 64).

Themes

Christians will suffer

Chapter 1

1. Who wrote the epistle? Vs 1
2. Who is it written to? Vs 1
3. He wrote to those who were chosen. How were they chosen? Vs 2
4. Because they were chosen by the foreknowledge of God and through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, they should _____ Jesus and be _____ with His _____.

5. Peter's prayer for them: That _____ and _____ be theirs in _____ measure. Vs 2
6. According to God's great _____ He has caused us to be _____. Vs 3
7. Because we have been born again, we can have a living _____ through the _____ of Jesus Christ from the _____. Vs 3
8. Since we are born again, we are to obtain an _____ which is imperishable and _____ and will not fade away. Vs 4
9. We are protected by the _____ of God by _____ for a salvation ready to be _____. Vs 5
10. These believers had been _____ by various _____. Vs 6
11. The proof of your _____ being more precious than _____, and is tested by _____ may be found to result in praise and glory of Jesus Christ. Vs 7
12. You have not seen Him nor do you see Him now, but you _____ Him and _____ in Him. Vs 8
13. The love you have for Him brings great _____. Vs 8
14. What is the outcome of your faith? Vs 9
15. The prophets prophesied of the _____ that would come. Vs 10
16. The Spirit of Christ within them predicted the _____ of Christ as well as the _____ to follow. Vs 11
17. It was made clear to them that they were not serving _____. Vs 12
18. The things preached to them by the _____ _____ sent from Heaven, things into which the angels longed to _____. Vs 12

19. Gird your minds for _____. Vs 13
20. Keep sober in _____. Vs 13
21. Fix your _____ on the _____ to be brought to you at the _____ of Jesus Christ. Vs 13
22. Believers, as obedient children are not to be conformed to the former _____ which was theirs in _____. Vs 14
23. Like God, believers are to be _____ as He is _____ and also in all your _____. Vs 15
24. What was written? Vs 16
25. How does God judge each man's work? Vs 17
26. How should the believer conduct himself during his time on the earth? Vs 18
27. The believer was not redeemed with perishable things like _____ or _____. Vs 19
28. Believers are redeemed with the precious _____ of the Lamb which is _____ and _____. Vs 19
29. Jesus was _____ before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in the last times for _____ sake. Vs 20
30. What did God do for Jesus so that your faith and hope be in God? Vs 21
31. How do you purify your souls? Vs 22
32. If your soul is purified you will have sincere _____ of the brethren. Vs 22
33. Believers are to fervently _____ one another from the _____. Vs 22

34.You have been born from _____seed. Vs 23

35.You've been born again through the living and _____ word of _____ .Vs 23

36.Grass _____. Flowers _____, just like man's _____.but the word of the Lord _____forever. Vs 24.

37.This same _____was preached to _____. Vs 25

Key Points

Peter reminds the reader that the believer was foreknown by God and through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and out of His great mercy towards those who will believe, so that they will obtain an inheritance reserved for them in heaven. They are to be holy, because He is Holy. He reminds us that this salvation is only through the precious shed blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus was raised from the dead and God gave him glory so that we would put our hope in God.

Key Words

Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit

Living Hope

Inheritance

Various trials

Be Holy

Precious Blood

Purified your souls

Born again

Abiding Word of God

Chapter 2

1. What 5 things are we to put away? Vs 1
2. Believers should long for the pure milk of the _____. Vs 2
3. By the pure word of God, you will _____in respect to your _____. Vs 2
4. Taste the _____of the Lord. Vs 3
5. Believers are to come to Him, a living _____ who was _____by men, by choice and _____in the sight of God. Vs 4
6. You, as believers, are also _____ which are being built up as a _____for a holy _____, to offer up spiritual _____acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Vs 5
7. What is written in scripture that declares what God had laid? Vs 6
8. If you believe, God says you will not be _____. Vs 6.
9. For those who do not believe, what did this stone become? Vs 7
10. Why did they stumble? Vs 8
11. Were they appointed to stumble? Why? Vs 8
12. Believers are a chosen _____a royal _____, a holy _____, a people for God's own _____. Vs 9
13. You are such so that you may proclaim the _____of Him who called you out of _____and into His marvelous _____. Vs 9
14. You once were not a _____and did not receive _____. Vs 10

15. Abstain from fleshly _____, which wage _____ against our _____ . Vs 11
16. As believers, you are to keep your behavior _____ among the gentiles so that they might do what? Vs 12
17. You are to _____ yourselves to every human _____. Vs 13
18. Why submit? Vs 14
19. By doing right you will _____ the ignorance of foolish me.
20. Do not use your freedom as a _____ of _____. Vs 16
21. What credit is it when you sin and are treated harshly you endure, but if when you do what is _____ and _____ for it, you patiently _____ it, this finds _____ with _____. Vs 20
22. For what purpose have you been called? Vs 21
23. Jesus committed no _____, nor was any _____ found in his mouth. Vs 22
24. What did He do when reviled? Vs 23
25. Who did He entrust Himself to? Vs 23
26. What did Jesus bear in His body for us? Vs 24
27. Because he bore our sins on the cross, so that we might be able to _____ to sin, and to live to _____, for by His _____ you were healed. Vs 25
28. You were once _____ like a sheep, but now you have been _____ to the _____ and the _____ of your _____. Vs 26

Key Points

Believers are living stones that are built up together as a spiritual house with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone. He will be a stumbling block or a rock of offense to some, but to those who believe he will be a precious value. Believers are a chosen race holy nation a royal priesthood. We were once in darkness but God called us out of that darkness and into the light.

Key Words

Pure Word

Living Stones

Cornerstone

Holy Priesthood

Spiritual House

Rock of Offense

Chosen Race

Mercy

Honor men

Submit to authority

Suffer

Him who judges righteously

Chapter 3

1. Wives are to be _____to their husbands. Vs 1
2. Why are they to be submissive to their husbands? Vs 1
3. What will disbelieving husbands observe? Vs 2
4. What should adorn the believing woman? Vs 3-4
5. In what way did holy women adorn themselves? Vs 5
6. What did Sarah call Abraham? Vs 6
7. You have become Sarah's _____if you do what is _____ and not _____. Vs 6
8. Husbands should be _____to their wives, and treat them with _____ as the _____partner. so that their prayers may not be _____. Vs 7
9. Believers should be _____ and _____, _____one another and be _____and _____. Vs 8
10. Should you repay evil with evil? Vs 9
11. If you love life you should keep your tongue from _____and your lips from _____speech. Vs 10
12. You must turn from _____and do _____. Vs 11
13. You must seek _____, and _____it. Vs 11
14. The Lord's eyes are on the _____ and His ears are attentive to their _____, but the Lord is against those who do _____. Vs 12
15. If you are eager to do good, who is going to _____you. Vs 13
16. If you suffer for what is right, then you are _____. Vs 14

17. What should you do in your heart? _____ Christ as _____ ready to make a _____ to everyone who asks to give account for the hope you have. Vs 15
18. You should keep a clear _____ so that those who speak against you be _____ of their slander. Vs 16
19. It is better to suffer for doing _____ than to suffer for doing _____. Vs 17
20. Christ suffered _____ for sins, to bring you to _____. Vs 18
21. Jesus was put to death in the _____, but made alive in the _____. Vs 19
22. Jesus went and made proclamation to the imprisoned _____. who were disobedient long ago. Vs 19-20
23. How many were saved in the days of Noah as God waited patiently? Vs 20
24. What does the waters of Noah symbolize to you today? Vs 21
25. The waters of baptism is a pledge of a clear _____ toward God. Vs 21
26. How does it save you? by the _____ of Jesus Christ Vs 21
27. Where is Jesus today? Vs 22
28. Who is with Him? Vs 22

Key Points

Wives are to submit to their husbands. Unbelieving husbands may repent and turn to God through the observance of the quiet and gentle spirit of

their wife. Women are to be submissive as a daughter of Sarah who called Abraham Lord. Husbands are to give their wives honor as the weaker vessel. Believers are not to return evil for evil, but have a humble and kindhearted spirit giving a blessings so that they might inherit a blessing. Suffering for the sake of Christ is a blessing. One should not suffer for doing wrong. Be prepared to make a defense to everyone who asks , for the truth you hold in your heart pertaining to Christ.

Key Word

Wives

Submit

Gentle spirit

Adorn

Husbands

Evil

Love life

Tongue

Suffer for righteousness sake

Baptism

Chapter 4

1. Believers should arm themselves with the same _____as Christ since He _____in the body. Vs 1

2. Whoever _____ in the body is done with _____. Vs 1
3. If you suffer in the body, you will not live the rest of your life for _____ human _____, but rather for the _____ of God. Vs 2
4. How did you, like pagans, spend your time in the past according to this verse? VS 3
5. When you did not join them they heaped _____ on you. Vs 4
6. They will give an _____ to Him who is ready to judge the _____ and the _____. Vs 5
7. The Gospel was preached so that they might live according to _____ in regard to the _____. Vs 6
8. The _____ of all things is _____. Therefore believers are to be _____ and of sober _____ so that you may _____. Vs 7
9. Believers are to _____ each other deeply, because _____ covers a multitude of _____. Vs 8
10. Believers are to offer _____ to one another without _____. Vs 9
11. Use whatever _____ you've been given to _____ others, as faithful _____ of God's grace. Vs 10
12. As you speak, speak as if it were the very word of _____. Vs 11
13. If serving, then serve with the _____ God _____. Vs 11
14. In all things God may be _____ through Jesus Christ. Vs 11
15. Fiery ordeals come to _____ you, so do not think it strange. Vs 12
16. Rejoice in participation with the _____ of Christ, so that you may be _____ when His _____ is revealed. Vs 13

17.If you are insulted for the name of Christ, then you are _____. Vs 14

18.If you suffer it should not be because you are what? Vs 15

19. If you suffer as a Christian, then do not be _____, but instead, praise God that you bear that _____. Vs 16

20. Where will God's judgment begin? Vs 17

21.What will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God? Vs 17

22. What is true for the ungodly? Vs 18

23.Believers should _____according to God's _____ and submit themselves to their faithful _____and continue to do _____. Vs 19

Key Points

Peter encourages the believers to expect to suffer in the flesh as Christ suffered. Through that suffering of the less, one is done with sin. Some will abuse of malign you when you refuse to join in their pagan desires, but God will be sure that they give an account. Believers are to be steadfast in fervent love, because love covers a multitude of sin. We are to rejoice in suffering, especially when we are reviled for the sake of Christ.

Key Words

Suffer in the flesh

Will of God

Sound Judgment

Fervent Love

Hospitable

Serve

Suffering of Christ

Reviled

Judgment

Chapter 5

1. Peter appeals to this group of believers as a fellow _____and a witness of Christ's _____. Vs 1
2. He charged them to be _____of God's flock, _____over them. Vs 2
3. Do not pursue dishonest _____, but be eager to _____. Vs 2
4. You should not _____over those entrusted to you, but be an _____to the flock. Vs 3
5. When the Chief Sepherd appears, you will receive the _____of _____that will never _____away. Vs 4
6. The younger should _____themselves to the _____. Vs 5
7. Believers should clothe themselves with _____toward one another because God _____the _____but gives _____to the _____. Vs 5

8. Humble yourselves so that in due time God may _____you up. Vs 6
9. You should cast your _____on Him because He _____for you. Vs 7
- 10.Be _____and of sober _____ because the _____prowls around looking for someone to _____.Vs 8
- 11.Resist the _____. Stand firm in _____. Vs 9
- 12.Believers around the world are undergoing the same kind of _____. Vs 9
- 13.God called you to His eternal _____. Vs 10
- 14.After you've suffered for a while God will _____, _____, _____and _____you. Vs 10
15. To Him be dominion. Look up in Strongs Concordance and write the meaning of the word *dominion*.
16. Peter wrote, Through his faithful brother _____briefly, exhorting and _____that this is the true _____of God. Vs 12
- 17.She (the church) that is in Babylon, stands with _____. Vs 13
- 18.Peter refers to Mark as his _____. Vs 13

Key Points

Peter exhorted the elders not to lord over those in their care but to shepherd them, according to the will of God and not for sordid gain. He also encouraged the younger men to be subject to the elders and to all, be humble and cast their cares upon Him. Peter reminds the readers that after a time of suffering God would restore His people. He reminds them to resist the devil who prowls around looking for those he can devour.

Key Words

Shepherd the flock

Will of God

Sordid Gain

Chief Shepherd

Humble

Sober in Spirit

Resist the devil

Perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish

Dominion

7 Things the Christian will experience

1. The purifying of our souls (v 22)
2. Obedience to the truth (v 22)
3. Yielding to the Holy Spirit (v 22)
4. Love without hypocrisy (v 22)
5. Love fervently (v 22)
6. Purity of Heart (v 22)
7. The New Birth by the Word (v 22)

