

*Women's Bible Study*

*in his great mercy,  
he has given us new birth into*

# *a Living Hope*

*a study of 1 Peter*



# 1 Peter Lesson 1

## "Living Hope"

### 1 Peter 1:1&2

Day 1 -Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

Pray for God's Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) Who is writing this book? How is he described?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What is an apostle?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What do we learn about Peter (Simon) from the following verses?

Verses	What do you learn about Peter?
Matthew 10:2	
Matthew 16:13-20	
Mark 1:16-17	
Mark 16:13-20	

4) Write down anything else you know from the Scriptures about Peter's life?

5) To whom is Peter writing?

How are the recipients of this letter further described in these verses?

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Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

“To those who are elect exiles of the **Dispersion**” (1 Peter 1:1, ESV)

“To God's elect, strangers in the world, **scattered**” (1 Peter 1:1, NIV)

6) What imagery is given when we read that the people were scattered or dispersed? Why do you think this is mentioned?

- 7) The word “scattered” means that which is sown. When a farmer sows seed he does it with the hope of having a harvest. Think about this concept in light of Genesis 12:2-3 and Matthew 28:18-20. What is going on in God’s grander plan of redemption?

- 8) Peter refers to the three persons of the Trinity in this passage. Who are they? What does he say is the function of each of them?

Person of the Trinity	Function

How does Ephesians 1:3-14 expound on the table above?

- 9) What do you think were Peter's reasons for beginning His letter to persecuted Christians with a descriptive reminder of how they have been saved?

Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

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- 10) What insight do the following verses give us into the concept of being “strangers in this world”?

Matthew 6:19-21 –

2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:5-9 –

Colossians 3:1-4 –

Hebrews 11:9-10 -

- 11) Think about your own life. Do you live like a stranger, alien, foreigner in this world, or is this world very much your home? Why do you think this is true?

How could you live more like a citizen of the Kingdom of God this week?

- 12) What does it mean to be elected or chosen?

- 13) What is foreknowledge?

- 14) What else do we learn about God's election or choosing of His people from the following verses?

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 –

Isaiah 14:1 –

John 10:27-30 –

John 15:16 –

Ephesians 1:4-6 –

Why would this truth be a comfort to people who are suffering?

How does it encourage believers to take action and live lives worthy of their calling?

How has this truth transformed you?

15) What does it mean to be sanctified?

16) What do the following verses teach us about the sanctifying work of the Spirit?

2 Corinthians 3:18 –

Philippians 1:6 -

How does this truth encourage you in your pursuit of holiness and your desire to glorify Him in all that you do?



17) According to 1 Peter 1:2, for what purpose are Christians saved?

18) What does it mean to be obedient to Christ?

19) How does the gospel motivate and empower us to be obedient to Christ?

EMPOWER	MOTIVATE
Romans 8:9-11 -	2 Corinthians 5:14-15 -
Galatians 2:20 -	Titus 2:11-14 -

20) What does “sprinkling by his blood” accomplish for us?

Romans 5:9 –

Hebrews 9:13-14 –

1 John 1:7 –

21) Define grace and peace.

22) How do grace and peace work together in our lives?

23) At the end of 1 Peter 1:2, Peter asks that grace and peace “be multiplied to you.” In light of the circumstances of these believers, why is this request significant?

24) Think through these defining characteristics of a Christian which Peter writes about in the beginning of this letter. How are they evident in your own life?

Does this assure you of your salvation? If so, thank God for His graciousness to you. If not, talk to someone about your desire to belong to God by faith and repentance through the finished work of Christ on your behalf.

- Make notes about these key words/themes:  
God  
Christ  
Spirit/spiritual  
Strangers  
Election/calling



# 1 Peter Lesson 2

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**“Living Hope”**

**1 Peter 1:3-12**

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 1:3-12

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Read through the text. Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

1) How does this passage begin?

Why do you think Peter begins this way?

2) Read Luke 22:31-32. Note what Jesus says to Peter. How does this shed light on why Peter might be writing these words?

3) According to 1 Peter 1:3, what characteristic of God was demonstrated greatly toward us?

Define your answer to the question above.

4) List at least 3 things, from verses 3-5, that are so great about our salvation.

5) How have you experienced the mercy of God in your life?

As you meditate on these truths, consider if, in any way, you think you deserve salvation.  
Journal your thoughts below.

- 6) What do you learn about this idea of “new birth” from the following references?  
John 1:12-13 –

John 3:1-8 –

Galatians 4:4-7?

- 7) What kind of hope do we have according to 1 Peter 1:3?

What do you think that means?

8) How does Jesus' resurrection make that available to us?

9) How is our inheritance described in 1 Peter 1:4? Define each term.

Where is our inheritance kept?

10) Think about what you desire or treasure. Which of those things will perish, spoil, or fade?



11) What does it mean that God's power guards believers through faith?

What additional insight is given in the following verses?

1 Samuel 2:9 –

John 10:27-29 –

Ephesians 1:13 –

How does this encourage and strengthen you?

12) According to verse 6, what two things are simultaneously occurring?

Read also 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and James 1:2-4. How can these two things simultaneously happen?

Can you personally experience both joy and sorrow simultaneously?

13) Trials to our faith are like fire to a precious metal. How?

14) To whom is the trial proving that faith is genuine? Read also 2 Corinthians 1:8-10.

15) How have you been purified and refined as you have gone through the trials of life?

How has it proved to you the genuineness of your faith?

Day 4 \_Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

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16) How is your faith described in 1 Peter 1:7?

17) How is this faith expressed? (You may have several answers.)

Compare 1 Peter 1:8 to Hebrews 11:1-2,6.

Do you love Him and believe Him even though you don't see Him?

18) According to 1 Peter 1:8, what kind of joy is the believer filled with?

Is this characteristic of your life? Why or why not?

19) Notice the tense of the verb in 1 Peter 1:9. How are you "receiving" the goal of your faith?

20) What is the connection between knowing the blessing of 1 Peter 1:3-5 and having faith and joy in the midst of trials as described in 1 Peter 1:6-9?

21) What did the prophets do and speak about?

22) How were they serving us rather than themselves?

23) Who guided them in their words?

24) Who else longs to look into these things?

Why do you think this is true?

25) How can we better see Jesus in the word than if we had seen Him physically when he was alive?

26) How do the truths that you are personally chosen, given new birth, able to live in hope, and given abundant mercy and assurance by God transform you?

- Make notes about these key words/themes

Suffering

God

Christ

Spirit/spiritual

Save/salvation

Hope

Inheritance, glory, etc.



# 1 Peter Lesson 3

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## **“Living Hope”**

### **1 Peter 1:13-25**

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 1:13-25

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Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) What word helps you recognize 1 Peter 1:13 as a transition verse?

What is it “there for”? (Answering this question will help you understand the meaning of this verse and the verses that follow)

- 2) What are the three commands we are given in verse 13?

- 3) Read 1 Peter 1:13 in several different translations. What phrases do you read? How do these phrases give you more insight into what this verse is calling you to do?



4) What are some synonyms for the word “set”?

5) Where are we to set our hope?

6) According to this verse and 1 Peter 1:7 what will happen when Christ is revealed?

Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 1:

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7) What difference should our Christian hope make in the way we live? Why?

8) According to 1 Peter 1:14, what were we like before Christ?

9) Why should we be holy?

10) What role does the Father have according to 1 Peter 1:17?

What adverb describes how he carries out that role?

11) How would you define reverent fear.

What does that look like in the life of the believer? (Read Mark 5:24-34)

12) What point is being made in 1 Peter 1:18 that was also made earlier in the chapter?

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Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 1:17-21

13) What were you ransomed or redeemed from?

What does this imply about your life now if you are in Christ?

14) According to 1 Peter 1:19, how were you redeemed?

15) How is Christ described in 1 Peter 1:19?

What imagery does this suggest from the Old Testament? Read Exodus 12:5-7, 12-13.

16) What do we learn about the lamb in 1 Peter 1:20-21?

17) Why can we put our faith and hope in God?

18) What two aspects of holiness do we read about in 1 Peter 1:22?

19) Can you think of any ways in which love and truth are put at odds in contemporary Christianity?

How can this be put right?

20) What characteristics of Christian love does Peter mention?

How can we love like this?

21) What else do we learn is imperishable in 1 Peter 1:23?

22) How does the Word of God function in the accomplishment of regeneration, our rebirth?

Romans 10:17 –

1 Thessalonians 2:13 –

Hebrews 4:12 -

23) So far in our study, what three things have we been told are imperishable?

1. 1 Peter 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_

2. 1 Peter 1:19 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 1 Peter 1:23 \_\_\_\_\_

What implications does this have for our lives?

- 24) What two other adjectives describe the Word in 1 Peter 1:23? (Read also Hebrews 4:12 and Acts 7:38)

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 1 :13-25

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- 25) Why must the believer continually feed upon the Word? Think of other Scriptures that speak to this.

- 26) Does Peter's exhortation in 1 Peter 1:14 – 16 seem like an impossible mission to you? If so, how do the indicatives (statements of truth) of what God has done for you and in you, which we have studied thus far, encourage you to pursue obedience to this exhortation?

- Make note about these key words/themes
  - God
  - Christ
  - hope



# 1 Peter Lesson 4

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## “Living Hope”

### 1 Peter 2:1 - 10

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 2:1-10

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Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

1) The text begins with the word “so” (ESV) or “therefore” (NIV). What is it there for?

2) Define the following:

malice –

deceit -

hypocrisy –

envy –

slander –

3) Are the vices of 1 Peter 2:1 primarily attitudes or actions? Why do you think so?

Which of these sins are particularly tempting to you? Explain.

- 4) What exhortation is given in 1 Peter 2:2?

Do you long for this? Why or why not?

- 5) The verb, grow, in 1 Peter 2:2 is passive. The phrase is better translated that "it may grow you". How do you "grow up into salvation?"

6) The motivation to long or crave comes from verse 3. What is it?

7) How have you tasted of the kindness of the Lord?

8) Because we have tasted that the Lord is good, what else do we do according to 1 Peter 2:4a?

Read Psalm 34:8. How does it express this truth?

9) Who is “him” a reference to in verse 4? What is he called?

How else is he described?

10) What is a cornerstone?

Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 2:4-8

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11) What is true about the one who trusts in the cornerstone?

Elaborate on what you think your above answer means.

12) As a result of coming to Him, what happens to us according to 1 Peter 2:5?

Notice the plurality of this statement in 1 Peter 2:5. What implications does that have for our lives as believers?

13) How are our spiritual sacrifices acceptable?

14) What 4 things have we been told are “living” thus far in our study of I Peter?

1) 1 Peter 1:3 \_\_\_\_\_

2) 1 Peter 1:23 \_\_\_\_\_

3) 1 Peter 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

4) 1 Peter 2:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 2:4-8

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15) Who are the two groups of people mentioned in verse 7?

Discuss the relationship of the two different groups of people to the stone.

16) Why does the second group stumble?

17) How are believers described in 1 Peter 2:9?

18) Why are these such amazing terms to use to refer to these believers? Read Exodus 19:4-6 for additional insight.

19) For what purpose were the chosen people, belonging to God, made a royal priesthood and a holy nation?

20) List and discuss several ways that those who belong to God “proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”.

Day 5 – 1 Peter 2:1-10

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21) What else is said about these believers in verse 10?

Similar language is used in the Old Testament book of Hosea. Read Hosea 1:6-9 and 2:23. Think about what you know about the story of Hosea (It's okay if you don't know the story.) How does this shed light on the words we read in Peter?

22) Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How do these verses help us understand even more about what Peter is saying in 1 Peter 2:4-10?

23) Notice almost all the pronouns in this passage are plural. What does this tell you about your salvation and the church (those who belong to God)?

How is this counterculture?



- Make notes about these key words/themes:

God

Spirit/spiritual

Save/salvation

- Vocabulary reminding believers that they are God's people, living as foreigners, strangers, and exiles in this world

# 1 Peter Lesson 5

## “Living Hope”

## 1 Peter 2:11 - 17

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 2:11-17

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Pray for God's Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) What are some observations about the way Peter addresses these believers in 1 Peter 2:11?
- 2) Why do you think he calls them sojourners and exiles (ESV) or strangers and aliens (NIV) in this world?
- 3) What does the last phrase in 1 Peter 2:11 imply about the Christian life?

In what specific ways do sinful desires war against your soul?

- 4) What exhortation is given in 1 Peter 2:12?

What is the goal of being faithful to these exhortations?

I love the way the NIV phrases this exhortation, “**live such good lives among the pagans.**”

- 5) List another issue for the believer mentioned in 1 Peter 2:12.
- 6) If these believers live such good lives among the pagans, why do you think they will be accused of doing wrong?

Give examples of how you have experienced this?

- 7) Does the way you live your life point beyond this world, or do you fit in so well that there really is no difference? Record your thoughts below.

In what ways do you live as an alien or stranger?

Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 2:11-17

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- 8) According to 1 Peter 2:13-14, what is one way we are called to live good lives among the pagans?

Why? Read Romans 13:1 – 2.

9) Explain how the phrase, “for the Lord’s sake”, modifies our submission to civil authorities.

10) According to 1 Peter 2:14, what is the purpose of governors?

11) What is God’s will according to 1 Peter 2:15?

How would we normally choose to “silence the ignorant talk of foolish men”?

Can you give some examples of how we might faithfully live out 1 Peter 2:15?

12) According to 1 Peter 2:16, how are we supposed to live?

13) What do you learn from the following passages about how we can be free men and servants of God at the same time?

John 8:31-36 –

Romans 7:21-8:17 -

14) What does it look like to use our freedom as a cover-up for evil?

15) There are 4 commands given in 1 Peter 2:17. List them below.

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 2:11-17

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16) Read Genesis 1:26-27. What foundational truth encourages us to show proper respect to everyone?

17) Read John 13:34 and 1 John 3:11-24. What do you learn about loving the family of believers?

18) It is not popular to talk about fearing God in our culture; however, it is a theme not only in the book of I Peter but also throughout Scripture, Old and New Testament. How would you explain what it means to fear God?

19) What are some practical ways we can “honor the king”?

Romans 13:1-7 –

1 Timothy 2:1-4, 7 –

Titus 3:1-2 -



20) Read 1 Peter 2:9&12. Remind yourself why you are called to live this way.

- Make notes about these keywords/themes

Aliens and strangers

God

God's will



# 1 Peter Lesson 6

## “Living Hope”

## 1 Peter 2:18 - 25

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

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Pray for God's Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) What exhortation is given to servants?
- 2) As you read through the passage, what are some ways this attitude of submission is practically worked out?

How is the heart of this demeanor contrary to fallen human nature?

- 3) Look back at 1 Peter 2:9 & 12 and remember why this command is given. How does this living magnify the grace of God?

#### Day 2 - Read 1 Peter 2:19-21

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- 4) According to 1 Peter 2:19, what allows a man to bear the pain of unjust suffering?

- 5) What do you think it means to be “mindful of God”?

- 6) What argument is being posed in 1 Peter 2:20?

7) What does 1 Peter 2:21 say we were called to and why?

How do the following verses provide additional insight into this calling?

Matthew 5:11-12 –

Romans 8:17 –

2 Corinthians 1:5 –

1 Peter 4:13-14 -

- 8) How does knowing that God calls us to suffering and for what reason encourage us in our suffering?

- 9) Describe Christ's example while enduring suffering.

How was he able to respond that way? (1 Peter 2:22)

What does it mean to "entrust ourselves to him who judges justly"?

10) According to 1 Peter 2:24, what did Christ's death on the cross do for us?

Elaborate on this. See also Romans 6:1-14.

11) What kind of healing does Christ offer?

Write Isaiah 53:5 below and meditate on it.

12) According to 1 Peter 2:25, what were we like?

13) What do you know about sheep?

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

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14) Considering the following passages, what does a shepherd do for his sheep?

Psalm 23	John 10:1-18



15) Define overseer.

16) How does knowing that Jesus is the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul comfort and encourage you?

17) Which of your relationships might be comparable to the servant-master relationship of the first century?

How will you apply the truths contained in this section of Scripture to those relationships?

18) Why do you think God has allowed the suffering you have experienced in your life, particularly under unjust or harsh authority?

How has/does it impact your relationship with Him?

- Make notes about these key words/themes

Suffering

God

Christ

Election/calling (called)

# 1 Peter Lesson 7

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## **“Living Hope”**

### **1 Peter 3:1-7**

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

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Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) Who is being addressed in 1 Peter 3:1, and what are they exhorted to do?

What specific context is being addressed?

- 2) What reason is given for wives to be subject to their husbands?

- 3) According to 1 Peter 3:2, what will win their husbands over according to verse 2?

- 4) The concept of reverence has been repeated several times in our study of 1 Peter. How would you define “reverence” or “reverent living”?

5) Where should a woman's beauty come from?

In what ways does this feel so counterculture?

Does this feel freeing or enslaving to you? Explain your answer.

6) What does it mean to have a gentle and quiet spirit?

8) What do we learn about what God thinks about a gentle and quiet spirit?

9) Do you have a gentle and quiet spirit? What hinders this in your life?

10) Read Matthew 11:28-30. What do you learn about a gentle and quiet spirit from this text?

#### Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 3:3-7

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11) Does 1 Peter 3:3-4 mean we should not be attentive at all to our outward appearance? Explain your answer.

12) According to 1 Peter 3:5, how did the holy women of the past adorn themselves?

How were these holy women described at the beginning of 1 Peter 3:5?

What do you think that means, and why is it important?

- 13) Oddly enough, which Old Testament woman, mentioned in 1 Peter 3:6, is used as an example for us?

Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 3:3-6

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- 14) Read Genesis 18:10 – 15. Does Sarah appear to be hoping in God? Why or why not?

15) What does the LORD say about Himself in Genesis 18:14? How does this instill hope in us?

16) How does it encourage you that Sarah is used as an example?

17) What is the calling for husbands?

18) How are husbands supposed to view their wives?

19) Read Ephesians 5:25-30. What does this passage teach about the way husbands should live with their wives?

20) How does 1 Peter 3:7 speak into gender equality and distinction? This is a biblical view of gender.

How is this different from what the culture says?

21) What do you think it means to be the weaker vessel?

22) Why are husbands encouraged to live this way with their wives?



23) What does the word “likewise” found in 1 Peter 3:1 and 3:7 refer to?

24) How would you summarize how God expects husbands and wives to treat one another? How do both the wife and husband reflect Christ by living this way?

- Make notes about these key words/ themes

Behavior/way of life  
God

# 1 Peter Lesson 8

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## **"Living Hope"**

### **1 Peter 3:8-22**

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-22

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Pray for God's Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

1) What 5 things are believers called to in 1 Peter 3:8?

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these do you find hardest to have reflected in your life? Why do you think it is difficult for you?

2) 1 Peter 3:9 says, "to this you were called". To what is this referring?

Recall what else we've been called to in 1 Peter 2:21.

- 3) Summarize the meaning of the verses quoted from the Old Testament, Psalm 34:12 – 16.

#### Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-17

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- 4) Read Romans 8: 31-39. How do these verses answer the question asked in 1 Peter 3:13?

- 5) 1 Peter 3:14 quotes part of Isaiah 8:12-13. Who does Isaiah say we should fear instead?

6) Is your fear of God stronger than your fear of man? Journal your thoughts below.

7) The NIV translates 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord." What does it mean to set apart Christ as Lord?

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Day 3

8) What question should we always be prepared to answer?

9) How can we be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have?

10) How do we give this answer? Why is this important?

For further thought:

Do you personally feel prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have to everyone who asks you? Consider what practical ways you need to prepare yourself.

Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 3:17-22

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11) What do we learn about suffering in 1 Peter 3:17? Why or why not is that a comfort to you?

12) “For,” in 1 Peter 3:18, introduces the reason for the teaching in verses 14 -17. What is this reason?

13) According to 1 Peter 3:18, why did Christ die?

14) When did Christ preach to the spirits in prison? (\*This is a difficult passage.)

How did he preach to them?

What was the message?

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 3:8-22

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15) One of the themes of 1 Peter is suffering faithfully as you live among unbelievers. Why would a reminder of the story of Noah be a comfort to these believers? (Read Genesis 6 – 8 for additional insight.)

16) According to 1 Peter 3:21, our baptism is not a physical cleansing but a spiritual one. What does it represent? For additional insight see Hebrews 10:22.

17) Why is it significant that Jesus is in heaven at God's right hand?

Psalm 110:1 –

Matthew 26:64 –

Acts 2:22-33 –

Acts 5:30-31 –

Romans 8:34 –

Hebrews 1:3-4 –

Hebrews 12:1-2 –

18) According to 1 Peter 3:22, who is in submission to Jesus Christ?

19) What transforming truth will you cling to from your study this week?

How might it change you?



- Make notes about these key words/themes

Suffering

Way of life/behavior

God

Christ

Spirit/spiritual

God's will

Election/calling (called)

Save/salvation

Hope

# 1 Peter Lesson 9

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## **“Living Hope”**

### **1 Peter 4:1-11**

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 4:1-11

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Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) 1 Peter 4 begins with a “therefore”; what is it there for?

\*Read this section of 1 Peter in a couple of different translations

- 2) What does “arm ourselves with the same way of thinking” mean?
- 3) What characterizes the two ways of life which Peter spells out here?
- 4) What do the pagans think about those who live for the will of God?

To whom will they give an account?

## Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 4:1-11

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Note on 1 Peter 4:6: “This section ends on another one of those ‘Peter, what are you talking about?’ notes when he tells us in verse 6 that the gospel was preached to ‘those who are dead.’ His meaning is really quite simple: he has in mind people who were alive when they heard the gospel but have since died. The basic point of this difficult verse is that God is going to judge everyone, and those who wish to be spared God’s judgment must heed the good news of salvation in Jesus in this lifetime, *before* they die.” (1-2 Peter, Living Hope in a Hard World, Lydia Brownback, p.71)

- 5) What does Peter mean by “the end of all things is at hand”?

What difference does this make to you and the way you live your life?

- 6) According to 1 Peter 4:7, what does knowing the end of all things is near lead us to do? What do you think that means?

Then, what does that enable us to do? Do you?

- 7) How do we pray when we are clear-minded and self-controlled?

- 8) In 1 Peter 4:8, what are we told to do above all?

Why?

9) According to 1 Peter 4:9, how should we offer hospitality?

How difficult is that for you to do? What underlying sins cause us to grumble?

Day 4 – Read 1 4:7-11

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10) What do we learn about gifts from 1 Peter 4:10?

11) What spiritual gifts have you received that you should be using?

How might you know what they are?

12) How should one speak?

How should one serve?

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 4:1-11

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13) What is the purpose of using our gifts? (Think about this in light of the theme of 1 Peter.)

14) Think about the way of life Peter urges in 4:1-11, and also the motives he gives, such as verses 1, 7, and 11. Is there anything in Peter's words that you think should make a difference in the way you act in your current circumstances?

- Make notes about these key words/themes

Suffering

God

Christ

Spirit/spiritual

God's will

# 1 Peter Lesson 10

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## **“Living Hope”**

### **1 Peter 4:12-19**

Day 1 – Read 1 Peter 4:12-19

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Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

- 1) In 1 Peter 4:12, how does Peter address the believers to whom he is writing?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Believers are not to be what, according to 1 Peter 4:12? Why? (John 15:18-25; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7)

Why might a Christian find persecution surprising?

- 3) How do the following verses help us understand our suffering?

John 15:18-21 –

Romans 5:1-5 –

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 –



James 1:2-4 –

1 Peter 1:6-7 –

Day 2- Read 1 Peter 4:12-19

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4) According to 1 Peter 4:13, what should you do when trials come? Why? Read also Romans 8:17.

5) How do you usually react when painful trials come?

How can these truths redirect your heart, transforming your reactions?

6) What does the word “blessed” mean in verse 14?

7) What is the blessing?

8) List several wrong things for which we should not suffer and why.

Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 4:12-19

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9) According to 1 Peter 4:16, why should we glorify God?

10) Do you call yourself a Christian? Does the fact that you bear that name impact how you live? Give some specific examples.

11) Answer the questions at the end of 1 Peter 4:17-18?

12) At the beginning of 1 Peter 4:19, what are we reminded about concerning our suffering? (It is according to what?)

Do you find comfort in this? Why or why not?

13) In 1 Peter 2:23, we were encouraged to entrust ourselves to Him who judges justly. Who are we told to commit ourselves to in 1 Peter 4:19?

14) Why is it significant that God is our faithful Creator?

15) What else are we to do? Remember 1 Peter 2:12. Also read Titus 2:11-14. (Note the phrase at the end of verse 14 in the Titus passage. Pay attention to the indicatives, statements of truth, which precede this phrase.)

16) Since you have been studying 1 Peter, how has your outlook on your circumstances changed?

17) If our sufferings do not indicate that we are cursed and cast off by God, list at least three things they do indicate.

- Make notes about these key words/themes

Suffering

God

Christ

Spirit/spiritual

God's will



5) What 3 phrases describe how the elders should shepherd?

Not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

Not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

Not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

6) Who is the Chief Shepherd, and what happens when He appears?

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Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 5:5

7) Who is addressed in 1 Peter 5:5?

8) What are the younger told to do?



9) What instruction, which underlies all the previous exhortations, is given to everyone?

Why?

10) How do you clothe yourself with humility in practice?

11) Why does God oppose the proud?

12) Are you a humble leader – why or why not?

Are you humble when being led by others – why or why not?

#### Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 5:6-11

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13) How is God's hand described in 1 Peter 5:6?

What does that word mean?

14) What exhortation is given in 1 Peter 5:7?

Why can we do this?

15) What anxieties do you face at the moment?

What does it mean for you to cast them on the Lord?

Spend some time, honestly, answering the following questions. Do you truly believe that God sovereignly controls all circumstances of life? Do you truly believe that God is good and loves you more than anyone else does? Does your behavior (thoughts, attitudes, and actions) typically reflect biblical truth about God's love and care for His children?

16) 1 Peter 5:8 gives two more exhortations. What are they? Read also 1:13, 4:1, and 4:7. Notice the common theme.

17) What do all the verses mentioned in question #16 communicate about the Christian life?

18) Why are we told to be sober-minded and watchful in 1 Peter 5:8?

19) Peter tells us we have one effective tactic to employ against Satan. What is that tactic?

Explain how it operates.

How does it fit in with what Paul describes as the full armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-18?

20) Discuss the danger of Christians underestimating their adversary, the devil.

21) What do we learn about God from 1 Peter 5:10-11?

22) What little phrase at the beginning of 1 Peter 5:10 tells us something about our suffering? See also 2 Corinthians 4:16 and 1 Peter 1:6.

23) Which four verbs does Peter use to describe the power of God's grace?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

What do these promises mean to you?

24) How do these truths encourage you? (Refer to questions 21, 22, and 23.)

25) Who is mentioned in 1 Peter 5:12?

What do we learn about him?

26) According to 1 Peter 5:12, why did Peter write the book of 1 Peter?

27) How would you describe the true grace of God about which Peter has testified?

What does it mean to “stand fast in it”?

28) What truths about God's people are we reminded of in 1 Peter 5:13?

What do you learn about the early church from the words "brother" (12), "son" (13), "kiss of love" (14)?

29) How does Peter close this letter?

Who specifically is offered peace?

Define peace.



- Make notes about these repeated keywords/themes

Christ

God

Words that point to the future (glory)

Suffering

