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I PETER

INTRODUCTION

A. THE EPISTLE

First Peter was written by the Apostle Peter close to the end of his life, about A.D. 60. It was written primarily to Hebrew Christians from Babylon. (5:13) The letter was delivered by the hand of Silas, the Apostle Paul's companion. (5:12) One of the reasons for the writing of I Peter was possibly to correct an erroneous view which said that Peter and Paul had different positions concerning the message of salvation by grace. Read Galatians 2:11-16.

The second reason for the writing of this epistle was to strengthen and encourage Christians who were facing hard trials and severe persecution. The key word found 21 times throughout this epistle, in one form or another, is "suffering."

B. THE MAN PETER

The changed character of Peter is clearly revealed in this epistle. He is not the same impetuous, vacillating disciple of Jesus that is described in the Gospels. Read Matt. 14:28-31; Matt. 16:22,23; Matt. 17:4; John 13:37,38; Mark 14:29-31; John 18:10; John 21:7. These scriptures from the Gospels show us just how impetuous Peter was. However, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the love and grace of the Master, Peter had matured and grown in grace and wisdom at the time of the writing of I Peter.

1. After you have read the introduction, looked up and read all the scripture references above, then put an X in the box. [X]

Before you begin studying I Peter, it is suggested that you read all of the book at one sitting, using a modern translation.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

- 3. How are we kept unto salvation? v. 5 kept by the power of God through faith

- 6. What is the end (result) of our faith? v. 9 ______ even the salvation of your souls.
- 7. According to verses 10 and 12, who searched and desired to know more about God's plan of salvation for us? a. v.10 ______ the prophets have enquired and searched diligently
 b. v. 12 have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

8. Since God has provided us with a lively hope of salvation, what are we to do as we face the trials and tribulations of everyday life? v.13 ______ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the

end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

9. As Christians, even though we suffer hard trials, how are we to conduct our manner of behavior? ("Conversation" is an old English word which now means behavior or a way of life.) vv. 15,16 &

Heb. 12:14 ______ Follow peace with all men, and holiness

- 10. With what are believers redeemed? vv. 18,19 with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without <u>spot</u>:
- 11. If we obey the truth through the Spirit, what happens to our souls? v. 22 purified your souls in obeying
- 12. How are we to love one another? ______unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

- 15. How long will the word of the Lord last? v. 25, Luke 21:33 ______ the word of the Lord endureth for ever

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In chapter 1, Peter has related many of the things God has done and is doing for us. In chapter 2 he begins to tell us what we are to do in the light of what God has already done for us.

1.	What are we to lay aside? v.	1 a	laying aside all malice,	b	and hypocrisies,
	c	_ d.	and envies,	_ e	and all evil speakings,

2.	As Christians, what should our attitude be concerning the Word of God? v.2
3.	What will happen in our lives as we read the Word of God? v. 2 that ye may grow thereby:
4.	Being lively stones and an holy priesthood, what are we to do? v. 5
5.	In verse 9, Peter lists four characteristics of the believer; what are they? a b b b b
	ca royal priesthood,da peculiar people
6.	Since we are all of the things listed in verse 9, what are we to do? v.9
7.	Peter calls Christians strangers and pilgrims in this world. What are we to abstain from? v. 11 abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
8.	When we live honest lives and maintain good Christian behavior, what will the gentiles, or unbe- lievers do? v. 12
9.	To what and to whom are we to submit ourselves? vv. 13-15
10.	How are we to use our liberty in Jesus Christ? v. 16 not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
11.	What is the attitude that servants are to have toward their masters? (or employees' attitude toward their employers?) v. 18
12.	In verse 19, what is thankworthy?
13.	What is acceptable with God in verse 20?
14.	Why should we be willing to suffer for the Gospel's sake? v. 21
15.	Write out verse 24 in your own words Jesus bore my sins on the cross, being dead to sin, and alive to

Remember: If so be that we suffer with Him, we will also be glorified together. (Romans 8:17)

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In chapter 3 Peter continues to relate our Christian obligations. He states the duties of wives and husbands and then gives a general exhortation to all the brethren.

- 1. If wives obey the Word of God and submit to their own husbands, what will be the results? vv. 1,2 hat, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;
- 2. What should be the adornment of wives? Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.
- 3. What is the husband's responsibility toward his wife? v. 7 dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life
- 4. What happens to the husband's prayers if he doesn't fulfill his responsibility? v. 7 _____

his prayers will be hindered

- 5. What is our duty toward all the brethren? v. 8 inally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
- 6. How does the Lord treat the righteous? v. 12 the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their
- 7. How does the Lord treat those who do evil? v. 12

but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

8. If we suffer for righteousness' sake, what is our spiritual state? v. 14 _____

happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

- 9. What should we always be ready to do? v. 15 be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:
- 10. If we have a good conscience because we obey the Lord and have a good testimony, what will happen to men who speak evil of us? v. 16 they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.
- 11. Write out verse 17 in your own words. <u>it is better to suffer for doing good and right than for sinning or doing bad</u>.
- 12. By His death on the cross, Jesus once and for all paid the total price for our sins that He might (Complete the phrase from verse 18.) ring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Verse 19 refers to the time after Jesus' death on the cross when He was in the grave (hades). There He made a proclamation to the effect that He had paid the full price for redemption.

Now read verse 21 written below in the words from the Amplified New Testament.

"And baptism, which is a figure (of their deliverance), does now also save you (from inward questionings and fears), not by the removing of outward body filth (bathing), but by (providing you with) the answer of a good and clear conscience (inward cleanness and peace) before God, (because you are demonstrating what you believe to be yours) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

13. Using verse 21, write out in your own words what baptism in water does for us _____

baptism cleans our conscience. giving us a good conscience.. However, I think it may be speaking of the baptism of His Spirit.

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Peter continues to write about suffering in this chapter. Christians should expect to suffer for the Gospel. Read verse 12. Jesus suffered and so will we, but we should suffer for well doing and not for evil doing.

- 1. Since Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, what should be our attitude concerning suffering? v.1 arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:
- 2. What is the result for him who has suffered in the flesh? v. 1_____

for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

4. Read verses 3 and 4, then write out verse 4 in your own words. Use another translation if possible Your old worldly friends wont understand why you no longer want to party with them, they may even begin to call you bible thumper, or other distasteful names.

- 5. The ones who speak evil of you, a Christian, will have to give an account to whom? v. 5 _______ to him that is ready to judge the guick and the dead.

- 8. How should we use hospitality? v. 9 ______ one to another without grudging.
- 9. How should we speak? v. 11 let him speak as the oracles of God; let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ,

- 12. If we are reproached for the name of Christ, what is our state of being? v. 14 <u>happy are ye;</u> for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
- 13. Under what condition should we not suffer, and under what condition should we suffer? vv.15,16 Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.
- 14. Where must judgment begin? v. 17 ______ udgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us,
- 15. Answer in your own words. What will happen to the ungodly and the sinner if the righteous are scarcely saved? v. 18; Rev. 20:14, 15 where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? And if anyone's name was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.
- 16. What should those do who are suffering according to the will of God? v.19 ______ commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. (So others can be saved...)..

CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

- 2. In your own words, write out Peter's instructions to the elders or shepherds. vv. 2, 3 take care of my people, feed the young with the word of God. Do this because you love me, don't carry a bitter heart don't try to rule over them, just lead by example in front of them as one of them.
- 3. What shall faithful elders or pastors receive? v. 4 _____ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
- 4. Complete this phrase from verse 5: "God resists the <u>the proud</u>,

and gives grace and giveth grace to the humble.

What will happen if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God? v.6
that he may exalt you in due time: love that
Write verse 7 from memory.
Don't worry Jesus hasn't forgotten you. He love you. It is ok to trust Him, He will promote you in His time.
According to verse 8, why should we be sober and vigilant?
because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
How should we react to our adversary the devil? v. 9
According to verse 10, what will Jesus do for us after we have suffered for a while?
abstablish,stablish,bstablish,stabli
c d settle you.
Where was Peter when he wrote this epistle? v 13 The church that is at Babylon,

The first epistle of Peter gives us some insight into what most, if not all of the early Christians experienced. Their commitment to the Lord Jesus was so complete that they remained faithful to Him even though it meant hardship and suffering. The early believers were able to live through these fiery trials because they had learned a spiritual principle. They had learned to rejoice in the midst of their sufferings. We also can avoid many spiritual ups and downs if we learn to "rejoice always" even in the midst of our trials! Try it! Rejoice and thank the Lord the next time a trial comes your way and you too can experience the joy that the early Christians experienced!

II PETER

INTRODUCTION

Second Peter was written after I Peter, believed to be close to the end of Peter's life (1:14). II Peter was written to warn against false teachers and their corrupt doctrines. In chapter one, Peter stresses the importance of growing in the word of God and adding to our faith. In chapter two he gives a strong warning against false prophets and false teachers. Finally, in chapter three the apostle leaves an exhortation for the saints to remain steadfast with their hope fixed securely in the Lord.

Before you begin studying, it is suggested that you read all three chapters of II Peter at one sitting, using a modern translation.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1.	God's divine power hath given unto us all things	that pertain unto
	and godliness	v. 3
2.	The great and precious promises in verse 4 refer to what? v. 4	• •
3.	In verse 5 we are instructed to give all diligence by things listed in verses 5-7?	adding 7 things to our faith . What are these 7
	abb.	dge C And to knowledge temperance
	deee.	iness And to godliness brotherly kindness

g. _____and to brotherly kindness charity

4. What is the promise given to us if these 7 things (8 including faith) are in us and abound? v. 8 that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful promise God has made to us! We will have a fruitful life if we are diligent and add these virtues to our faith.

- 6. What is the promise given to us if we are diligent to make our calling and election sure? v. 10 for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

We do not need to be afraid of falling away; if we continually "press in" to the things of God, He will keep us.

- 7. How many times does Peter use the word "remembrance" in verses 11-15?
- 8. How does Peter seek to stir us up? v. 13 ______ by putting you in remembrance;

If you get discouraged, remember all the things Jesus has done for you!

- 10. Referring back to the Mount of Transfiguration, to what was Peter an eye witness? v. 16 the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- What voice did Peter and the other apostles hear, when they were on the Mount of Transfiguration? v. 17. Also see Matt. 17:1-5 <u>he received from God the Father honour and glory</u>

But even greater than what their eyes had seen and their ears had heard, Peter said there was a more sure word of prophecy -- the Word of God!

12. Write verses 20 and 21 from memory. <u>The Scripture is not for any private interpetation; for it came not through</u> the will of man, but through inspiration of the God to men through the Holy Ghost.

This scripture save one from all the "new revelations" that are privately received, and thus delivers one from deception.

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

- 2. Who shall follow after these false teachers? v. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- 3. The false teachers with feigned words shall make merchandise of Christians. What is sure to await them? v. 3 whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
- 4. Who did God not spare in verse 4? <u>God spared not the angels that sinned</u>
- 5. What did God not spare in verse 5? ______ spared not the old world
- 6. What did God destroy because of wickedness? v. 6. Also see Gen. 19:1-28. _____ Turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow

- What was Lot's spiritual condition while living in Sodom and Gomorrah? vv. 7,8 ______
 And delivered just Lot, that righteous man
- 8. What does God do for the godly? v. 9 _____ The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations
- 10. Who are those reserved unto the day of judgment? v. 10 _____

But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government

The conclusion that Peter makes is, since God spared not the fallen angels, nor the old world before the flood, nor Sodom and Gomorrah, He will not spare these false teachers.

11. In verse 12 Peter refers again to these false teachers. What name does he call them?

natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed,

- 14. Define the English word "beguiling." (Use a dictionary.)

charm or enchant (someone), sometimes in a deceptive way.

The meaning of the original word used by Peter is more enlightening. It comes from a word meaning: " to catch with bait." The false teachers were beguiling the early Christians and using them for their own profit.

- 15. What is the "way of Balaam"? vv. 15, 16 (You may refer to the story of Balaam in Numbers 22 and 24.) who loved the wages of unrighteousness; please note the bottom of the page
- 17. Even though they themselves were servants (slaves) of corruption, what did they promise? v.19 they promise them liberty,
- 18. Write out verse 20 in your own words. ______ once delivered by Jesus, if you return to that sin you will end up

in worse shape than you started

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[&]quot;The way of Balaam" was a readiness to prostitute his high spiritual gifts and privileges for "The wages of unrighteousness" (II Peter 2:14), being willing to preach something contrary to God's Word for personal gain.

[&]quot;The error of Balaam" was evidently his willingness to compromise his own standards of morality and truth in order "greedily" to accommodate those of his pagan patrons (Jude 11).

Finally, "the doctrine of Balaam," which even in John's day was already infiltrating the church, was to use his own teaching authority to persuade God's people that it was all right for them also to compromise these standards, even "to commit fornication" (Revelation 2:14) with their idol-worshipping enemies.

19. Peter says it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than . . . (complete the sentence - v. 21)

after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

20. Peter likens the turning from the way of righteousness to a dog and a sow. What does each one do? v. 22 The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

- 1. How does Peter seek to stir up the Christians? v. 1 | stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:
- 2. What are they to remember? v. 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:
- 3. What type of people will come in the last days? v. 3 there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts
- 4. What will they be saying? v. 4 <u>Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep</u>, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
- 5. The scoffers failed to remember what happened to the old world before Noah. What did happen to it? v. 6 ______ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished
- 6. For what are the heavens and the earth reserved? v. 7 reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
- 7. How does the Lord consider time? v. 8 $\frac{\text{that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one}{\frac{\text{day.}}{\text{day.}}}$
- 8. Why is God holding off judgment? v. 9 not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- 9. How shall the day of the Lord come? v. 10 the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;
- 10. What will happen to the following on the day of the Lord? v. 10
 - a. The heavens ______ the heavens shall pass away with a great noise
 - b. The elements ______ the elements shall melt with fervent heat
 - c. The earth and the works therein ______ the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- 11. With these things in mind, how should we live in this life? vv. 11,12 (I John 3:2,3) in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,

- 12. What are we to look for in verse 13? ____look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- 13. Since we are looking for the coming of the Lord and a new heaven and a new earth, what should

we strive for? v. 14 _____

that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

The reference that Peter makes to "our beloved brother Paul" in verse 15 helps to discount the beliefs that Peter and Paul held different viewpoints concerning salvation by grace alone.

In II Peter the apostle tells us the best way to keep from falling and to be prepared for the coming of the Lord is to continue to grow spiritually in the Lord. This is apparent in the following verses: 1:5, "giving all diligence add to your faith," 1:10, "give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if you do these things you shall never fall." 3:18, "But grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

One way to continue to grow in the Lord is continue to study this Christian Worker Bible Study Series. Therefore, we encourage you to begin immediately, studying the next Bible study.

17. I plan to continue by starting the next Bible study immediately. Yes [X] No []

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

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