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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. []

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

2. What has God the Father obtained (or begotten) through His abundant mercy? v. 3 _____

3. How are we kept unto salvation? v. 5 _____
4. Even though the Christians were going through manifold temptations (trials), what were they doing? v.6 _____

5. What does Peter say is the reason for their suffering and trials? v. 7 _____

6. What is the end (result) of our faith? v. 9 _____
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 _____
b. v. 12 _____
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 _____

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 _____
10. With what are believers redeemed? vv. 18,19 _____
11. If we obey the truth through the Spirit, what happens to our souls? v. 22 _____
12. How are we to love one another? _____
13. Write out verse 23 in your own words. _____

14. What are "all flesh" and "the glory of man" compared to in verse 24? _____

15. How long will the word of the Lord last? v. 25, Luke 21:33 _____

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. _____ b. _____
c. _____ d. _____ e. _____

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 _____
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. _____
 - c. _____ d. _____
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

8. When we live honest lives and maintain good Christian behavior, what will the gentiles, or unbelievers 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 _____
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. _____

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

2. What should be the adornment of wives? _____

3. What is the husband's responsibility toward his wife? v. 7 _____

4. What happens to the husband's prayers if he doesn't fulfill his responsibility? v. 7 _____

5. What is our duty toward all the brethren? v. 8 _____

6. How does the Lord treat the righteous? v. 12 _____

7. How does the Lord treat those who do evil? v. 12 _____

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

9. What should we always be ready to do? v. 15 _____

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 _____

11. Write out verse 17 in your own words. _____

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.) _____

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 _____

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

2. What is the result for him who has suffered in the flesh? v. 1 _____

3. We should no longer live after the lust of the flesh, but rather according to: v.2 _____

4. Read verses 3 and 4, then write out verse 4 in your own words. Use another translation if possible

5. The ones who speak evil of you, a Christian, will have to give an account to whom? v. 5 _____

6. What should we do as we sense that the end of all things is at hand? v.7 _____

7. Peter says that love (charity) is the most important, and is above all things. What does charity do for the sins and faults of the brethren? v.8 _____

8. How should we use hospitality? v. 9 _____

9. How should we speak? v. 11 _____
10. Write out verse 12 in your own words. _____

11. Why should we rejoice? v. 13 _____

12. If we are reproached for the name of Christ, what is our state of being? v. 14 _____

13. Under what condition should we not suffer, and under what condition should we suffer? vv.15,16

14. Where must judgment begin? v. 17 _____
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 _____
16. What should those do who are suffering according to the will of God? v.19 _____

CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. As Peter exhorted the elders, what did he give as his credentials? v.1 _____

2. In your own words, write out Peter's instructions to the elders or shepherds. vv. 2, 3

3. What shall faithful elders or pastors receive? v. 4 _____
4. Complete this phrase from verse 5: "God resists the _____
and gives grace _____"

5. What will happen if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God? v.6 _____

6. Write verse 7 from memory. _____

7. According to verse 8, why should we be sober and vigilant? _____

8. How should we react to our adversary the devil? v. 9 _____

9. According to verse 10, what will Jesus do for us after we have suffered for a while?
a. _____ b. _____
c. _____ d. _____
10. Where was Peter when he wrote this epistle? v. 13 _____

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 _____. v. 3
2. The great and precious promises in verse 4 refer to the Word of God. By these we are partakers of what? v. 4 _____
3. In verse 5 we are instructed to give all diligence by adding 7 things to our **faith**. What are these 7 things listed in verses 5-7?
 - a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
 - d. _____ e. _____ f. _____
 - g. _____
4. What is the promise given to us if these 7 things (8 including faith) are in us and abound? v. 8

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.

5. What is the condition of him who lacks these things found in verses 5-7? v. 9 _____

6. What is the promise given to us if we are diligent to make our calling and election sure? v. 10

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 _____

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

9. What did Peter be sure and not follow when he preached the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? v. 16 _____

10. Referring back to the Mount of Transfiguration, to what was Peter an eye witness? v. 16

11. 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 _____

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. _____

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What did Peter say that the false teachers would bring in unto the church? v. 1 _____

2. Who shall follow after these false teachers? v. 2 _____

3. The false teachers with feigned words shall make merchandise of Christians. What is sure to await them? v. 3 _____

4. Who did God not spare in verse 4? _____

5. What did God not spare in verse 5? _____

6. What did God destroy because of wickedness? v. 6. Also see Gen. 19:1-28. _____

7. What was Lot's spiritual condition while living in Sodom and Gomorrah? vv. 7,8 _____

8. What does God do for the godly? v. 9 _____
9. What does He do for the unjust? v. 9 _____

10. Who are those reserved unto the day of judgment? v. 10 _____

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? _____

12. What shall be their end? _____
13. What shall these false teachers receive? v. 13 _____
14. Define the English word "beguiling." (Use a dictionary.) _____

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.) _____
16. What did these teachers **speak** to beguile their hearers? v. 18 _____

17. Even though they themselves were servants (slaves) of corruption, what did they promise? v.19

18. Write out verse 20 in your own words. _____

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

20. Peter likens the turning from the way of righteousness to a dog and a sow. What does each one do? v. 22 _____

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. How does Peter seek to stir up the Christians? v. 1 _____
2. What are they to remember? v. 2 _____

3. What type of people will come in the last days? v. 3 _____
4. What will they be saying? v. 4 _____

5. The scoffers failed to remember what happened to the old world before Noah. What did happen to it? v. 6 _____
6. For what are the heavens and the earth reserved? v. 7 _____
7. How does the Lord consider time? v. 8 _____
8. Why is God holding off judgment? v. 9 _____
9. How shall the day of the Lord come? v. 10 _____
10. What will happen to the following on the day of the Lord? v. 10
- a. The heavens _____
 - b. The elements _____
 - c. The earth and the works therein _____
11. With these things in mind, how should we live in this life? vv. 11,12 (I John 3:2,3)

12. What are we to look for in verse 13? _____
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 _____

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.

14. What is the end result of the willful misinterpretation of scripture? v.16 _____
15. What is the danger that Peter refers to in verse 17? _____
16. Peter exhorts us to grow in two things in verse 18. What are they? _____

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 [] No []

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

Name _____

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