



1 Peter
Bible Study
Booklet

WEEK 1

1 Peter 1-2:3

Hope and Trials

1. **Hope & Joy in Trials** (1 Peter 1:3-9): How does Peter's description of our "living hope" and "inheritance reserved in heaven" (vv. 3-4) change your perspective when facing current trials or suffering (vv. 6-7)? What practical steps can you take to experience that inexpressible joy mentioned in verse 8?
2. **Understanding Our Identity** (1 Peter 1:1-2, 12): Peter calls believers "elect exiles" (or strangers/aliens) chosen by God for salvation (v. 1). What does it mean to live as a "stranger" in this world, and how does this identity influence your daily choices and priorities?
3. **The Price of Our Salvation** (1 Peter 1:18-21): Our redemption wasn't with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ (v. 18-19). How does the immense cost of your redemption affect your view of sin, God's love, and your own self-worth?

4. **Called to Holiness** (1 Peter 1:13-16): Peter commands believers to "be holy, because I am holy" (v. 16). What specific aspects of your conduct (vv. 13-14) need to change to reflect God's holiness, and what are the biggest challenges to living this holy life?
5. **The Gospel's Story** (1 Peter 1:10-12): The prophets searched for the meaning of the salvation revealed through the Spirit (vv. 10-12). How does knowing the finished work of Christ, which the prophets anticipated, give you a greater understanding and appreciation for the gospel story?
6. **Living in the Last Days** (1 Peter 1:20-25): We live in the "last days" (v. 20). What does this phrase imply about the urgency of living righteously and spreading the gospel, especially in light of the perishable nature of earthly things (vv. 24-25)?

7. **From Spiritual Infants to Growth** (1 Peter 2:1-3): Peter says to "put away all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander" (v.1) and "crave pure spiritual milk" (v. 2) like newborn infants. What "spiritual milk" do you need to crave, and how can you actively "put away" the negative attitudes listed?
8. **The Purpose of Trials** (1 Peter 1:6-7): Peter explains that trials test the genuineness of our faith, making it more precious than gold. Share a specific trial you've faced and how it revealed something about your faith (or lack thereof), and what good God brought from it.

WEEK 2

1 Peter 2:4-3:8

Holiness and Spiritual Growth

1. **Living Stones & Spiritual House (v. 4-5):** What does it mean to "come to him, a living stone," and how does being built together as a "spiritual house" change your understanding of your own faith and church community?
2. **Royal Priesthood (v. 9):** In what ways are believers called a "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation," and what does it mean for you to offer "spiritual sacrifices" in your daily life?
3. **Identity Shift (v. 10):** Verse 10 contrasts what believers "once were" with what they "now are." How has God's mercy transformed your identity and purpose, and what are practical ways you live out that new identity?

4. **Conduct Among Unbelievers (v. 12):** Peter urges believers to have "honourable conduct" among non-believers. How can you practically live this out, and why is it important for glorifying God even in difficult circumstances?
5. **Submission to Authority (v. 13-17):** How do verses about submitting to earthly authorities (kings, governors) fit with the freedom and spiritual status described earlier, and how does Christ's example guide your response to unjust authority?
6. **Suffering for Righteousness (v. 19-20):** Why does Peter say it's "commendable" to endure unjust suffering, and how does Christ's suffering (v. 21-25) provide a model and motivation for handling personal hardship?

7. **Wives & Husbands (v. 1-7):** In 3:1-7, Peter addresses wives and husbands. How does the call for wives to submit (v. 1) and husbands to live wisely (v. 7) reflect the broader themes of submission and honourable conduct in the chapter?
8. **Living as Exiles (v. 11):** Peter tells believers they are "foreigners and exiles" (v. 11). How does this perspective affect your daily choices, your view of worldly desires, and your hope for the future?

WEEK 3

1 Peter 3:9-22

Hospitality and Gifts

1. **Responding to Suffering (v. 9-12):** Peter instructs believers not to repay evil for evil but to bless. How can you actively "bless your persecutors" in a practical way this week, and what challenge does this pose to the "worldly" response of revenge?
2. **Fear vs. Readiness (v. 14-15):** "Always be ready to give an answer" for your hope. What fears often hold Christians back from sharing their faith, and how does making Christ Lord in your heart (v. 15) help overcome them?
3. **Suffer for Doing Good (v. 14, 17):** Peter says it's better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. Reflect on a time you faced difficulty for doing the right thing. How does this passage offer comfort, and what does it teach about the value of a clear conscience?

4. **Christ's Example (v. 18):** "Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous." How does Jesus' substitutionary suffering (v. 18) strengthen your resolve to endure hardship, and what does His example teach about responding to injustice?
5. **The Spirit's Ministry (v. 19-20):** What is the most challenging aspect of understanding Christ's preaching to the spirits in prison? How does this event connect with Noah's story and God's patience?
6. **Baptism & Conscience (v. 21):** Verse 21 links baptism to a clear conscience before God, contrasting it with the flood. How does understanding baptism as a symbolic answer to God, rather than a physical cleansing, affect your view of your own baptism or commitment?

7. **Christ's Authority (v. 22):** Jesus' ascension places Him in authority over all "angels, authorities and powers." How does this truth about Christ's ultimate victory and current reign give you courage and perspective in current spiritual battles?
8. **Living the Kingdom Life (v. 8-12):** Peter calls for unity, compassion, and kindness (v. 8). How does living this way, even when others are hostile, demonstrate the "godly way" and point to Christ in a world often characterized by conflict?

WEEK 4

1 Peter 4:1-5:14

1. **Peter states that since "the end of all things is near," we should be "sober-minded and watchful in your prayers" (1 Peter 4:7).** How does the awareness of God's timing influence your daily life and prayer habits?
2. **In 1 Peter 4:8,** believers are commanded to "keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." What are practical ways we can demonstrate this fervent love within our communities today, and what barriers might we need to overcome to practice hospitality without grumbling (v. 9)?
3. **Peter encourages using our spiritual gifts to serve others, "as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).** How have you identified and used your spiritual gifts, and in what ways can we ensure that God receives the glory through our service, not ourselves?

4. When faced with ridicule or surprise from former friends because you no longer participate in their lifestyle (**1 Peter 4:4**), how can you respond with grace while remaining true to your faith?
5. **Peter highlights that suffering for being a Christian is a blessing because "the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you" (1 Peter 4:14).** How does this perspective change how you view personal trials or insults for your faith?
6. **In 1 Peter 5:1-4, Peter gives instructions for church elders to lead not out of compulsion or for dishonest gain, but eagerly and as examples.** What modern leadership responsibilities do you have (in church, work, or family), and how can you apply Peter's model of servant leadership?

7. **Peter urges believers to "clothe yourselves with humility" (1 Peter 5:5), because "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble". Why is humility a challenging virtue to cultivate, and what are practical steps you can take to foster more humility in your personal life?**
8. **How does casting "all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7) help in resisting the devil's schemes (1 Peter 5:8-9), and how can the church community help you resist the "roaring lion" in your own life?**

