

# JESUS - Our Living Hope

## A Study of the Book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter

### *Lesson One*

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***Summary: This week we will learn that we are beloved and chosen to inherit our salvation. It is our joy in the midst of trials.***

#### ***Step One: Read the Word***

**“Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from your instruction.” Psalm 119:18**

This study uses the Christian Standard Bible translation (CSB), which is provided for you in each lesson in Step One. Please use that version to fill in blanks or answer questions, but you are encouraged to read as many translations as you like in order to get a fuller understanding of the scripture.

In Step One, try to determine the “who, what, where, when or how” of the passage. Look for words that are repeated often, such as “beloved”, “suffering,” “good works” or “chosen.” Circle any key words and underline phrases that stick out to you. Use the column to the right to jot down any notes, scripture references, or questions you might have.

Note: There is an example of how to do Step One in the Introduction to this study. You can also use the “Bible Study Aids” included in the Introduction to gain more understanding of the passage of scripture.

*Remember to always pray before you read God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to open the scripture to your understanding.*



**Complete Step One by reading and marking up 1 Peter 1:1-12 below:**

<p><b>1 Peter 1:1-12</b> <b>Christian Standard Bible</b></p> <p><b>Greeting</b></p> <p><b>1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ:</b></p> <p>To those chosen, living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>May grace and peace be multiplied to you.</p> <p><b>A Living Hope</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup> You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> You rejoice in this, even though now</p>	
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for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials <sup>7</sup> so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. <sup>11</sup> They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

## ***Step 2: Consider the Word***

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” Colossians 3:16**

Re-read 1 Peter 1:1-12 and answer the questions below.

1. From verse 1, what do you learn about:
  - a. Who wrote the letter?
  - b. Who was the letter written to? (Refer to the map in the Introduction of the areas that Peter cites, all of which are in the area now called Turkey)
2. Peter refers to those he is writing to as “exiles.” The word “exiles” in Greek means: “a stranger, a pilgrim, one sojourning in a strange place, a foreigner – someone who has not yet found a resting place.”
  - a. Hebrews 11:13 describes those godly people who waited in faith for the Messiah to come. What did they acknowledge or confess about themselves [see verse 13(b)]?
  - b. What does Philippians 3:20 and Ephesians 2:19 tell us about where our citizenship is?
  - c. Based on these verses, what do all Christians share with those Peter is writing to with regard to how we are to consider ourselves in this world?

2. Peter calls those he is writing to as “chosen” in verse 1, but goes on to give more explanation in verse 2.

a. Fill in the blanks below that describe what it means to be chosen by God.  
(Remember to use the Christian Standard Bible version provided in Step One to answer).

....chosen<sup>2</sup> according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_, through the \_\_\_\_\_ work of the  
\_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ with the blood of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Based on the work described in verse 2 done by every member of the Holy Trinity, would you conclude that this beautiful description of what it means to be “chosen” applies to all those who believe in Christ for salvation and not just those Peter is writing to?

c. Based on the blanks you filled in, what is the responsibility of the one who is chosen? Who does everything *for* us and *in* us in order that we may be able to do our part?

3. See verse 3.
- a. Peter declares that because of the mercy of God the Father, Christians are “given a new birth into a living hope.” What do the following verses tell us about this new birth?

*John 1:12-13:*

*John 3:3-6:*

*2 Corinthians 5:17:*

- b. Based on these verses, why do you think this is a “living” hope? How is this different from the way non-Christians hope?
- c. What event in human history made our new birth into a living hope possible [see verse 3(b)]?
4. Peter declares in verse 4, that as a result of our new birth we also have an inheritance.
- a. What does Galatians 4:4-7 tell us about why we have that inheritance and who we are to God?

b. Look up and write a definition for each of the following descriptions of that inheritance:

- imperishable:

- undefiled:

- unfading:

c. How does this compare with earthly inheritances?

d. Where is this heavenly inheritance kept for us?

5. See verses 5 -6.

a. How are we assured that we will receive this great inheritance?

b. Why should this cause Christians to rejoice in the midst of their trials?



6. a. According to verse 7, what are the purposes of trials in a Christian's life?

b. Look up the following verses. What else do you learn about the purposes of trials in each verse?

*James 1:2-4:*

*Romans 5:3-4:*

*Romans 8:18:*

*2 Corinthians 4:17:*

c. How would these verses give the believer hope in the midst of trials?

7. See verses 8-9.
  - a. What does Peter say is the reason for our joy in loving and believing in Jesus even though we have not seen him?
  - b. Why do you think this was so important to the persecuted Christians that Peter was writing to? Do we need a similar reminder when we face trials?
  - c. What did Jesus say about those who believed in Him without seeing Him physically in John 20:29?
  - d. What does 1 Corinthians 13:12 tell us our ultimate blessing will be?
8. According to verses 10-12, what was revealed to the Old Testament prophets about the salvation they were testifying about? Who were they serving?
9. a. How are the things of salvation announced after Jesus' death and resurrection? (Verse 12)? By whom?

**Memory Verse:** “You are being guarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:5)

Write the memory verse down below:

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### **Step 3: Walk in the Word**

**“...As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ.” Philippians 1:27**

Re-read 1 Peter 1:1-12 and answer the questions below:

1. See Ephesians 1:3-6 and 1 Peter 1:1-2. Does your study of these verses change how you view your salvation and the love God has for you? Explain.

2. Verse 2 tells us that we who believe are chosen to be sanctified, so that we can be obedient to God’s commands. This is done by the work of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins by the blood of Jesus.

Are there areas of disobedience in your life that you have been trying to “fix” through your own willpower and strength? If so, confess them below to God and ask for the Holy Spirit’s help and empowerment to be obedient.

3. Verse 5 says that if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you personally are being *guarded* by God’s power through your faith for a salvation that is being *kept* for *you* in heaven. How does this minister to you when things seem out of control?

4. See verses 5-9. Think of a major trial you have experienced in your life (or the one you may be in right now.)

Which of these truths would help you the most to remember in your trial? Explain in the space provided.

a. It is for a short time; my trial won't last forever (verse 6).

b. From God's sovereign perspective, it is necessary for me to go through this trial even though it hurts (verse 6).

c. God's goal in allowing trials in my life is to purify my faith and bring him glory (verse 7). They are not random events happening to me or "bad luck." God is in control and all my trials go through His loving hands.

5. According to verse 12, when you share the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are carrying on the work:

begun by the prophets,

fulfilled by Jesus,

and preached by the apostles.

This is a privilege and a salvation that even the angels do not have. How does this give you courage to share your faith?

6. What did you learn about Jesus in your study this week?

7. What did you learn about yourself?



Write the memory verse below:

**“You are being \_\_\_\_\_ by God’s \_\_\_\_\_ through  
\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ that is ready to be  
revealed in the \_\_\_\_\_.” (1 Peter 1:5)**

Journal a prayer below thanking God that you have a new birth into a living hope.

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