



1ST PETER PART 1

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BIBLE STUDY TIPS

When you study the Bible do these things before you read

- Pray
- Worship (spend time lifting up thanksgiving for the Word)
- Search your heart for any unknown barrier between you and the Lord that you haven't dealt with (Psalm 139:23-24).
- Ask yourself what your desired goal/outcome is.
 - To learn
 - To draw closer to God (devotional)
 - To receive breakthrough/wisdom/direction
 - To be better equipped to guide and lead others

When you study the Bible show up in these four postures

- Ready to encounter the heart of the Father
- Ready to experience the revelation of Jesus Christ
- Ready to encounter the power of the gospel
- Ready to surrender and yield to the leadership of Holy Spirit

Discovery Bible Study Method

- What does this story/passage tell me about God?
- What does this story/passage tell me about people (or myself)?
- If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it (what is the command, principle or invitation that deserves a response)?
- Who am I going to tell?

I will statement: An action that can completed within 24hrs

Cherishing the word

Psalm 19:6-11 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, [e]converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the [f]honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

Psalm 119:164

Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

The Benefits of the word

2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

READ - PRAY - SING THE SCRIPTURE

- **READ** it to bring your mind/thoughts into agreement with God
- **PRAY** it to bring your will into agreement with God
- **SING** it to bring your affections/desires into agreement with God

1 Peter through the eyes of the great Chuck Swindoll, he was a pastor, teacher and theologian. His commentaries were some of the first I used when I began walking with the Lord

Author: Apostle Peter

- The first word of this epistle, *Peter*, identifies the author, who called himself “an apostle of Jesus Christ” ([1 Peter 1:1](#)). He wrote this letter to a group of Christians scattered throughout the northern areas of Asia Minor, where he may have previously preached the gospel.

Audience: Peter wrote to a group of people that probably included both Jews and

Gentiles. The apostle addressed the letter’s recipients as “aliens” (1:1), a word indicating that Peter was speaking not just to Jews or just to Gentiles but to Christians who were living their lives in such a way that they would have stood out as aliens among the surrounding culture.

1 Peter was written to a group of believers not an individual Christian. Which means each instruction and each invitation was meant to be embraced by a community, a family, a priesthood!

Background: Written in AD 64 during the reign of Nero right before a season of intense persecution.

In this letter, Peter spoke much about persecution, which anticipated the persecution he and other Christians would endure in the final years of Nero's reign. At the time he wrote, Peter had not yet been arrested, an event that would lead to his martyrdom around AD 66–68. [First Peter 5:13](#) indicates that Peter sent greetings from the local church—calling it “Babylon”—but it's most likely that the apostle was writing in a common metaphor there. He used the name of the ancient Mesopotamian city as a stand-in for Rome, the modern city that, like Babylon, gave itself over to idol worship and false gods. While the fact is not recorded in the Bible, Peter has long been thought to have spent his final years serving the church in Rome. Based on the numerous references to suffering and persecution in this letter, Peter likely wrote in AD 64, just as the persecution of Christians under Nero was ramping up.

Audience:

The Big Idea: The Gospel is the source for our grace to live well as believers. To live in a way that honors God with our lives, in our homes, relationships and workplace. Grace to endure, persevere, to suffer well in the midst of unjust authority/government leaders, trials, tribulations and persecution.

Living in close proximity to Jesus Christ for more than three years had provided the apostle Peter the best possible example of what it looked like to live in holiness amid a hostile world. More than any other man who walked the earth, Jesus modeled that lifestyle. Peter therefore pointed his readers in the best possible direction, to Jesus Himself. The apostle called Christians to “sanctify Christ as Lord” in their hearts, that believers might live and act as Jesus desires during their short time here on earth ([1 Peter 3:14–18](#)). This would include submission to authority—even unjust authority—in the government, in the home, and in the workplace. Jesus becomes the focal point for ordering one's life in the midst of trials and tribulations. By rooting their perseverance in the person and work of Christ, believers can always cling to hope in the midst of suffering.

LIVING OUT GRACE

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the [a]pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Let's also acknowledge the significance of who the author is. He is the one who rightly communicated who Jesus was in Matthew 16:16 "You are the Christ the son of the living God" but also the one who betrayed Jesus denying Him three times in the hour of his arrest and crucifixión (Luke 22:31-34).

But the last time we see Peter in the gospels is when Jesus is restoring Him in John 21:14-18

Notice how often the New Testament writers like Peter and Paul are constantly bringing the body of Christ back to the gospel. Why because the gospel is not just for the unbeliever but it's also FOR THE BELIEVER!

What is Peter's first exhortation, GRACE TO YOU YOU AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED, this word multiplied means to increase and to abound! When it comes to grace what is it exactly that Peter desires increase and abound among these believers?

GRACE DEFINED

Grace (Charis):

- a. that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech
- b. of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues
- c. the spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace

THE GRACE OF THE GOSPEL

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance [b]incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

What do you say to people who are expecting persecution and suffering for their faith? What do you tell them to focus on? You point them to Jesus to point them to the gospel that is our salvation and our eternal hope!

Notice the emphasis Peter makes, God keeps up His power

We don't keep ourselves by our own power.

Matthew 24:13 says those who endure to the end will be saved!

This is an invitation to live a yielded, surrendered life, when we make it to the end, when we've overcome and endured our collective testimony will be GOD KEPT ME! I DIDN'T KEEP MYSELF BUT IT IS GOD WHO KEPT ME, IT IS GOD WHO KEPT US.

I dare you to start thanking God for keeping you right now in this moment!

GRACE FOR THE TRIALS AND TESTS

1 Peter 1:6-9 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been [c]grieved by various trials, **7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not [d]seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9** receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

Tested (dokimazo):

- a. to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals
- b. to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy

Talk about the gift of the test, trial, season of tribulation... the promise of what happens to our faith when we let the test do its job!

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. **4** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

1 Peter 1:9-12 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12** To them it was revealed

that, not to themselves, but to [e]us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

GRACE FOR TRANSFORMATION & HOLINESS

1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; **15** but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, **16** because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Holy (hageeos): most holy thing, a saint

Holiness is about being set apart for the Lord! A verse that really captures what holiness looks like lived out is Col 3:17

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

61 times the word Holy is used in the NT it is referring to saints

Holiness is a gift. Holiness is an invitation into rhythms of intimacy and proximity with the Holy One Himself that transform us into His saints!

1 Peter 1:17-21 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your [f]stay *here* in fear; **18** knowing that you were not redeemed with [g]corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **20** He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was [h]manifest in these last times for you **21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The invitation to walk in fear is an invitation to come back to the Fear of the Lord. The true fear of the Lord never creates distance between us in God but those who truly walk in the fear of the Lord, are those who fear not being near the Lord, those who live in a way that their awareness with Him is consistent and increasing day to day!

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

Proverbs 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Psalms 34:8-9 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! **9** Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

What is the result of this, we live in the constant awareness of our inheritance in Christ! Right after Peter talks about fear, he begins to unpack the riches of our salvation, the greatness, worth and value of that which redeemed and restored us to the Father, the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

GRACE FOR PURITY

1 Peter 1:22-25 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth [i]through the Spirit in [j]sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, **23** having been born again, not of [k]corruptible seed but [l]incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides [m]forever, **24** because "All flesh is as grass, And all [n]the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, **25** the [o]word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Peter ends chapter one by turning the attention of the community to love one another, because of the truth and beauty of the gospel, Peter is convinced that even in the midst of their circumstances the capacity to love one another is accessible! Having been born again through word, the grace of the gospel that has been preached to them!