

# 1 Peter Lesson 1

## “Living Hope”

### 1 Peter 1:1&2

Day 1 -Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

Pray for God’s Spirit to teach you as you study this week.

1) Who is writing this book? How is he described?

2) What is an apostle?

3) What do we learn about Peter (Simon) from the following verses?

| Verses           | What do you learn about Peter? |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Matthew 10:2     |                                |
| Matthew 16:13-20 |                                |
| Mark 1:16-17     |                                |
| Mark 16:13-20    |                                |

4) Write down anything else you know from the Scriptures about Peter's life?

5) To whom is Peter writing?

How are the recipients of this letter further described in these verses?

Day 2 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

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“To those who are elect exiles of the **Dispersion**” (1 Peter 1:1, ESV)

“To God’s elect, strangers in the world, **scattered**” (1 Peter 1:1, NIV)

6) What imagery is given when we read that the people were scattered or dispersed? Why do you think this is mentioned?

7) The word “scattered” means that which is sown. When a farmer sows seed he does it with the hope of having a harvest. Think about this concept in light of Genesis 12:2-3 and Matthew 28:18-20. What is going on in God’s grander plan of redemption?

8) Peter refers to the three persons of the Trinity in this passage. Who are they? What does he say is the function of each of them?

| Person of the Trinity | Function |
|-----------------------|----------|
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How does Ephesians 1:3-14 expound on the table above?

9) What do you think were Peter's reasons for beginning His letter to persecuted Christians with a descriptive reminder of how they have been saved?

Day 3 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

10) What insight do the following verses give us into the concept of being “strangers in this world”?

Matthew 6:19-21 –

2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:5-9 –

Colossians 3:1-4 –

Hebrews 11:9-10 -

11) Think about your own life. Do you live like a stranger, alien, foreigner in this world, or is this world very much your home? Why do you think this is true?

How could you live more like a citizen of the Kingdom of God this week?

12) What does it mean to be elected or chosen?

13) What is foreknowledge?

14) What else do we learn about God's election or choosing of His people from the following verses?

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 –

Isaiah 14:1 –

John 10:27-30 –

John 15:16 –

Ephesians 1:4-6 –

Why would this truth be a comfort to people who are suffering?

How does it encourage believers to take action and live lives worthy of their calling?

How has this truth transformed you?

Day 4 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

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15) What does it mean to be sanctified?

16) What do the following verses teach us about the sanctifying work of the Spirit?

2 Corinthians 3:18 –

Philippians 1:6 -

How does this truth encourage you in your pursuit of holiness and your desire to glorify Him in all that you do?

17) According to 1 Peter 1:2, for what purpose are Christians saved?

18) What does it mean to be obedient to Christ?

19) How does the gospel motivate and empower us to be obedient to Christ?

| EMPOWER          | MOTIVATE                |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Romans 8:9-11 -  | 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 - |
| Galatians 2:20 - | Titus 2:11-14 -         |

Day 5 – Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

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20) What does “sprinkling by his blood” accomplish for us?

Romans 5:9 –

Hebrews 9:13-14 –

1 John 1:7 –

21) Define grace and peace.

22) How do grace and peace work together in our lives?

23) At the end of 1 Peter 1:2, Peter asks that grace and peace “be multiplied to you.” In light of the circumstances of these believers, why is this request significant?

24) Think through these defining characteristics of a Christian which Peter writes about in the beginning of this letter. How are they evident in your own life?

Does this assure you of your salvation? If so, thank God for His graciousness to you. If not, talk to someone about your desire to belong to God by faith and repentance through the finished work of Christ on your behalf.

- Make notes about these key words/themes:  
God  
Christ  
Spirit/spiritual  
Strangers  
Election/calling

