

Joyful Life Bible Studies

I PETER 1:6-12

Lesson 4

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Review I Peter 1:1-5. Write your own sentence of thanksgiving and praise for your salvation.
2. *Faith* and *salvation* are the central themes of this week's lesson. You will receive practical information about *the trial of your faith*. You will be enriched by the testimony of the prophets concerning *salvation*. Read I Peter 1:6-12. What captures your attention the most through these verses?
3. Begin this lesson with prayer asking the Lord to speak to you through His Word. Include in your prayer your deepest desire and need in relationship to your study. Write your prayer here.

*For in Thee, O LORD, do I hope:
Thou wilt hear, O Lord, my God.
Psalm 38:15*

SECOND DAY: Read I Peter 1:6-9

1. I Peter 1:6-9 is filled with important, practical information. This is one long dynamic sentence in the KJV. In light of this we have chosen to study these verses over three days. Today's focus will be on verse 6. Write this verse here phrase by phrase.

2. Look once more at the way Peter began this sentence by completing the following phrase from verse 6a:

Wherein _____ .

a. The word *Wherein* refers to I Peter 1:3-5, the hope of salvation. Think about David's example in Psalm 35:9. How can we do this on a daily basis?

3. I Peter 1:6 has been called *from ecstasy to agony*. Although believers *greatly rejoice* in their salvation, what might they be experiencing *for a season*? verse 6b

a. *For a season* denotes *brevity of time* in comparison with eternity. How should this encourage you in a *season of heaviness* (made sorrowful or put to grief)?

b. In what way would the following verses comfort a believer in *heaviness*:

(1.) Psalm 56:8

(2.) Psalm 61:2,3

(3.) Add others, if you desire.

4. In I Peter 1:6 *temptations* refers to *trials* or *testings*. It has been said: *There isn't one trial that comes into your life that God won't use, if you turn it over to Him*. Comment on this.

*So be truly glad!
There is wonderful joy ahead,
even though it is necessary for you to
endure many trials for a while.*

I Peter 1:6 NLT

THIRD DAY: Read I Peter 1:6-9

1. You will recall that Peter was writing to *scattered* believers suffering under heavy persecution for their faith. I Peter 1:7 would have given them valuable and practical understanding concerning their trials. Even if our trials are unlike theirs, these principles are applicable for us today. Record from verse 7a what is being *tried*.
 - a. The word *trial* in verse 7 has been translated *proof* or *put to the test*. What do you learn about the *trial of your faith* from this verse?
 - (1.) The word *precious* appears here for this first time in this letter. Peter used this word several more times. How does the phrase *much more precious than of gold* speak to you concerning your *faith*?
2. Bible expositors say that *the eastern refiner of gold kept the metal in the furnace until all the impurities were removed and he could see his face reflected in it. It could then be shaped into a thing of beauty and value*. What parallels can you draw from this for your life?
3. *Our joy should not cease when trials begin*. How does James 1:2 confirm this statement?
 - a. Pastor Chuck says: *God is not trying to destroy your faith through trials but rather to build up, to develop and strengthen your faith*. What more do you learn about trials from James 1:3,4 and II Corinthians 4:17?
4. Observe the glorious outcome of the testing of *your faith* by completing the following declaration from I Peter 1:7c:

...might be found unto _____ and _____ and _____ at the _____
of _____ . Selah - pause and think about this.
5. How should I Peter 1:6,7 affect our response to trials?

When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
Job 23:10b

FOURTH DAY: Read I Peter 1:8,9

1. I Peter 1:8 continues the sentence that began in verse 6. *Whom* in verse 8 refers to Jesus. Concentrate on this inspiring verse by writing it here phrase by phrase.

a. It has been said: *Our faith is like a sixth sense because through it we are able to see the invisible and believe the impossible.* Although we haven't seen Jesus with our physical eyes, what does verse 8 say our faith causes us to do?

(1.) What does John 20:29 add to this?

b. Our faith in Jesus has brought us into a loving relationship with Him. *A season of heaviness* has a way of deepening our love for the Lord. Share a way this has been true in your life.


2. When we put our spiritual eyes on Jesus, focusing on Him, what does faith produce? Print your answer from I Peter 1:8c. Selah.

a. How does this minister to you?

3. In I Peter 1:9 Peter finished his powerful sentence by pointing to the future. What hope should this give to believers?

a. Using I Corinthians 13:12a contrast how we see *now* with how we will see *then*.

*I can only imagine what it will be like
when Your face is before me!*

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FIFTH DAY: Read I Peter 1:10-12

1. In I Peter 1:10-12 Peter turned his attention to the Old Testament prophets and their deep interest in the subject of *salvation*. They faithfully foretold future events, and diligently looked for the promised Messiah and the hope of salvation. Read the following verses and record one or two phrases that reveal this:
 - a. verse 10
 - b. verse 11
 - c. verse 12
 - d. What impresses you the most from verses 10-12?
2. Through I Peter 1:10-12 Peter reminded his readers of their great heritage of salvation. What effect could this have had on them?
3. The prophets *testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ* (I Peter 1:11b). How is Isaiah 53:3-6 an example of this?
 - a. Since Christ has come and brought salvation, believers have a tremendous advantage today. We have a better understanding of *grace*, *Christ's sufferings* and a fuller revelation of *the glory that should follow*. The word *glory* is a key word in this letter. What *glory* are we looking for according to Matthew 16:27 and Titus 2:13?
4. Even *the angels desire to look into* these spiritual things (I Peter 1:12d). The word *desire* is a strong word referring to *a passionate desire; look into* means *to look carefully, to inspect curiously*. These angels and the Old Testament prophets were diligent seekers. They should be an example for us today. What resources do we have available to help us with this?

*These were more noble . . .
in that they received the word with all readiness of mind,
and searched the scriptures daily. . .*

Acts 17:11

SIXTH DAY: Review I Peter 1:6-12

1. Write a brief title for the following verses:

a. I Peter 1:6-9

b. I Peter 1:10-12

2. Respond to what you learned through your lesson this week by writing a comment or thought about:

a. *rejoicing*

b. *the trial of your faith*

c. *salvation*

d. *glory*

e. *prophets or angels*

4. How has I Peter 1:6-12 ministered hope to you?

5. In what area do you feel you have benefitted the most through this week's study?

*Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.
Refiner's fire, my heart's
one desire, is to be holy.
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