

The Life & Letters of Peter

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*1 Pet 5:1-10
Exhortations &
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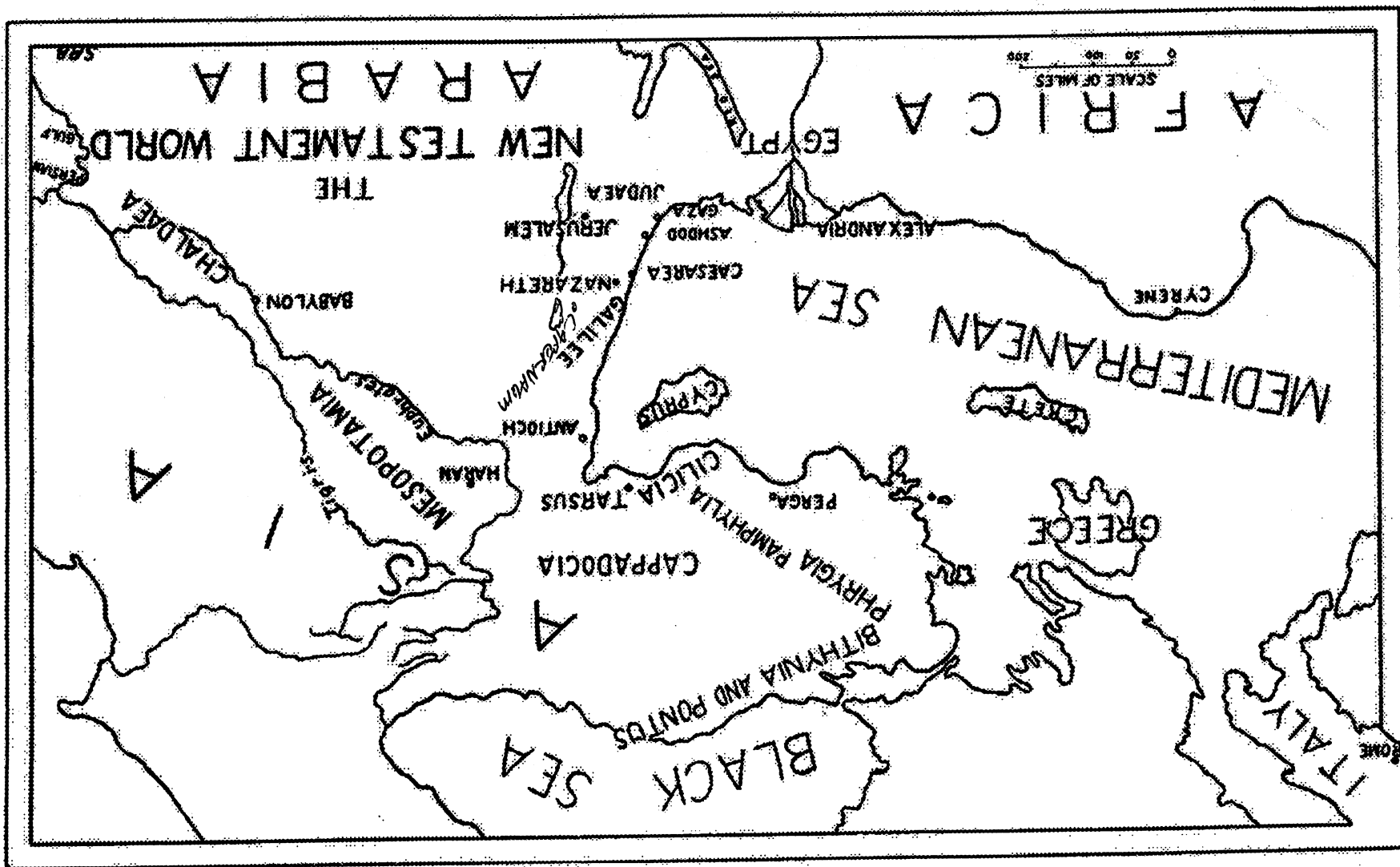
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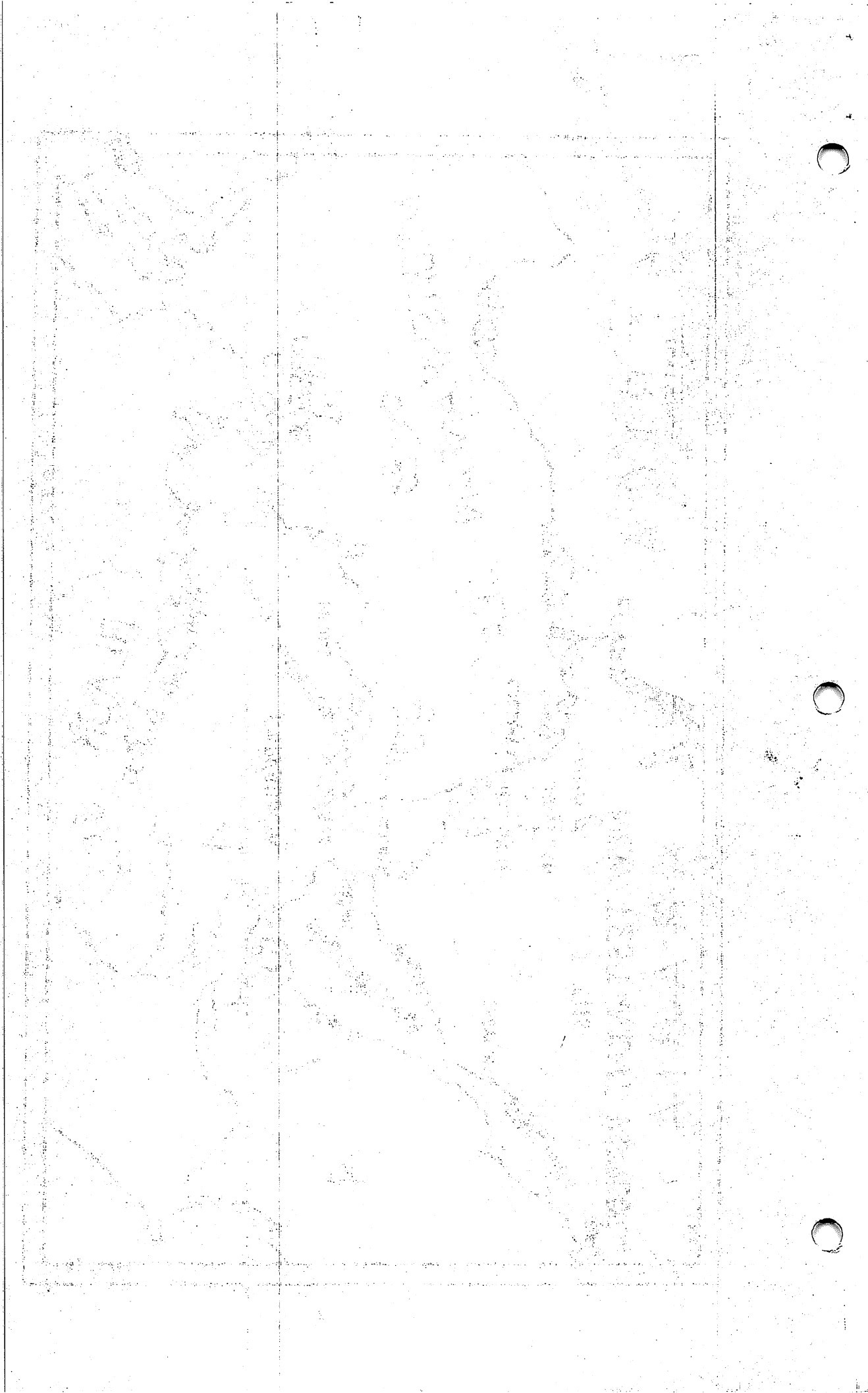
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Lesson Two: Peter's Description of a Christian

Lesson Aim: Consider the various terms the Apostle uses to describe the Christian and his relationship to God through Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 1:1-25

Questions About This ^{Epistle} Chapter

Christian?

1. In the following passages how does Peter describe the relationship between Christ and the believer?

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| 1 Peter 1:1 <u>strangers</u> | 1 Peter 1:7, 21 <u>believers</u> |
| 1 Peter 1:2 (three) <u>elect, sanctified, sprinkled w/ blood of Jesus</u> | 1 Peter 1:8 <u>love</u> |
| (Also in 1:14 & 22) <u>obedient</u> | 1 Peter 1:9 <u>saved</u> |
| 1 Peter 1:3, 23 <u>begotten / born again</u> | 1 Peter 1:10, 13 <u>grace</u> |
| 1 Peter 1:4 <u>heirs / inheritance</u> | 1 Peter 1:11, 12 <u>glory</u> |
| 1 Peter 1:5 <u>salvation / saved / kept</u> | 1 Peter 1:14, 15 <u>holy</u> |
| 1 Peter 1:6, 8 (two) <u>believers</u> | 1 Peter 1:17 <u>reverent / fear</u> |
| <u>tempted / tried / rejoicing</u> | 1 Peter 1:18-20 <u>redeemed</u> |
| | 1 Peter 1:22 <u>purified</u> |

2. Define "election." Where do the Scriptures teach us about when, where, why and how this election was determined?

Chosen (Eph 1:3 ff.)

3. Define "sanctification." By whom and through what means are believers sanctified?

set apart, consecrate, make holy (2 Thers. 2:13, 14)

4. Describe the nature of the faith by which the believer is kept?

obedient faith → (1 Pet. 1:2, 14, 21-25)

5. List five incentives by which Peter urges the Galatian Christians unto holiness:

- (1) God is holy (1:15, 16)
- (2) The price of redemption (1:18-21)
- (3) Judgment (1:17)
- (4) The reality of God's foreknowledge (1:20)
- (5) Resurrection (1:21)
- (6) The fact that we have a new life (1:22)
- (7) The nature of the seed (1:23)

Make A Life Application

What did you learn in this study that encouraged you to live a life set apart for Jesus Christ? (Be specific and complete in your answer. Use the back of this sheet in order to write out your response.)

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Lesson Six: *Christ and the Church*

Lesson Aim: Acquaint us with some of the various figures used to describe Jesus and His relationship to the Church, which he purchased with His own blood.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 2:1-11

Questions About This Epistle

1. What Old Testament text does Peter quote as he begins his discussion of Christ and the Church?

2. How does Peter describe Jesus in 1 Peter 2:1-25?

- (a) 1 Peter 2:4,6-8 *Elect/Precious/corner stone (Isa 28:16; Rom 9:33; Psa 118:22; Acts 4:11,12; Mt 21:42)*
- (b) 1 Peter 2:5 *by Jesus Christ = high priest (Heb 2:17,18, 5:1-5)*
- (c) 1 Peter 2:7 *disallowed (v.4) Psa. 118:22*
- (d) 1 Peter 2:8 *stone of stumbling and rock of offence (see Mt 14:29-31)*
- (e) 1 Peter 2:22-24 *sinless Lamb of God*
- (f) 1 Peter 2:25 *Bishop of our souls*
- (g) 1 Peter 2:25 *Shepherd of our souls*

3. How does Peter describe the Church in that same text?

- (a) 1 Peter 2:5 *lively stones*
- (b) 1 Peter 2:5 *spiritual house holy priesthood*
- (c) 1 Peter 2:9 *chosen generation (nation, race)*
- (d) 1 Peter 2:9 *royal priesthood*
- (e) 1 Peter 2:9 *holy nation*
- (f) 1 Peter 2:9 *peculiar people = people of God's possession*
- (g) 1 Peter 2:11 *strangers + pilgrims*
- (h) 1 Peter 2:16 *servants of God*

4. Where else in the New Testament is the Church described as a "house" or "temple"?

Eph 2:19-22; 1 Tim 3:15; 1 Cor 3:9-17; 2 Cor 6:16

5. Where else in the New Testament is Jesus described as being like a stone? What function does he serve in that descriptive figure?

Mt 16:18; 1 Cor 3:11; Rom 9:32,33; Eph. 2:20

Make A Life Application

What is the deterring factor in our relationship to Christ as the Stone that the Father has laid in Zion (see: 1 Peter 2:7,8)? Which is He to you, Precious or a Rock of Offence?

Believe or disobedient

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Lesson Eight: Our Duties in Christ According to Peter

Lesson Aim: Learn what special obligations Christians have in their various relationships to men.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 2:11-3:12

Questions About This Epistle

1. What is our duty to civil government? For what purpose?

submission Acts 5:28,29 / Rom 13:1-

2. What is the duty of the servant toward his master? What application of this principle can we make to ourselves?

submission Eph 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-23

3. What is the duty of a believing wife to her unbelieving husband?

submission Eph 5:24-33; Col 3:18; 1 Cor 7:16,17

4. How is the husband to treat his wife?

as the weaker vessel

5. How are we to treat our brethren? (Define each of these terms)

(a) compassion

~~Eph 4:32~~ 1 Cor 12:26

(b) love

1 Cor 13:8-13; Heb 13:1

(c) pitiful

Eph 4:32

(d) courteous

Phil 2:1-5

(e) evil

Rom 12:16-21

(f) railing

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(g) blessing

Isa 3:8

(h) guile

Eph 4:25

(i) good

(j) peace

Rom 12:16:21

charity
hospitality (4:7-10)
submission

Make A Life Application

What does Peter mean when he exhorts Christians in 3:8 to "be ye all of one mind?" How shall we accomplish this in the local Church?

1 Cor 1:10

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Lesson Ten: *Peter Comforts the Suffering Saint*

Lesson Aim: Learn the place and purpose of suffering in the life of the Christian.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 3:13-4:6

4:7-10

Questions About This Epistle

1. What sustains the child of God in his trials and sufferings? (1 Peter 1:3-7) How is this accomplished?
2. What example does Jesus set for us in suffering? (1 Peter 2:20-25)
3. What place does baptism have in helping the believer overcome his sufferings? (1 Peter 3:12-4:6)
4. What limitations does Peter put upon the sufferings that the Christian may experience that cause us to rejoice? (1 Peter 4:12-19)
5. What is God able to do with those of us that endure sufferings as a Christian? (1 Peter 5:8-10)

Make A Life Application

Name three things that should give each of us confidence in enduring suffering. How does each of these give us the assurance we need to overcome and succeed?

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Lesson Twelve: Our Faith and the Faith

Lesson Aim: Observe Peter's recognition of a distinction between subjective belief and objective truth while learning the significance and importance of that distinction.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 1:22-25

Rom 10:9-17

Questions About This Epistle

1. List the passages in 1 & 2 Peter where Peter identifies our subjective, that is, personal belief as the grounds of our salvation. (How does Peter describe our belief in each of these texts?)

1 Peter 1:5 faith

1 Peter 2:7 which believe / disobedient

1 Peter 1:7,9 your faith

1 Peter 3:5 who trusted in God

1 Peter 1:8 believing

1 Peter 5:12 faithful

1 Peter 1:21 believe / your faith's hope

2 Peter 1:7 like precious faith

1 Peter 2:6 believeth

2 Peter 1:5 your faith

2. By what means did these Gentiles to whom Peter wrote obtain this faith? (How does Peter describe the source of our faith in each of these texts?)

1 Peter 1:12,25 preached the gospel

2 Peter 1:1 through the right of God

1 Peter 1:22 obeying the truth

2 Peter 1:3 all things ... called

1 Peter 1:23 of incorruptible seed the word of God

2 Peter 1:12 put in remembrance ...

1 Peter 1:25 gospel preached

2 Peter 1:19-21 word of prophecy ... take heed

1 Peter 2:2 and 3:1 desire the milk

2 Peter 2:2 way of truth

1 Peter 4:6 gospel preached

2 Peter 2:15 right way ... following

1 Peter 4:11 speak as oracles

2 Peter 2:21 way of righteousness

1 Peter 4:17 obey the gospel

2 Peter 3:2 words spoken, commandment

1 Peter 5:9 stedfast in the faith

2 Peter 3:16 things ... scriptures

3. On the reverse of this page list the passages in Peter's two epistles that describe the character or nature of our personal faith in relation to the system of faith.

Make A Life Application

What is the reward for having faith described as "being much more precious than gold that perisheth."

Praise Honor Glory (Rom 2:6-10) 2 Pet 1:11

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1st Character of our personal faith . . .

1. Obedient (1:2)
2. Living (1:3) 1:8
3. Tried (1:7)
4. Obedient (1:14)
5. In God (1:21)
6. Obedient (1:22)
7. Growing (2:2)
8. Obedient (2:8)
9. Suffering (2:20)
10. Obedient (3:1)
11. Followers of good (3:13)
12. Obedient (3:20)
13. Obedient (4:17)
14. I Tumble (5:5,6)

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15. Adding (1:5-10)
 16. Established (1:12)
 17. Grow (3:17)

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Lesson Fourteen: *Peter's Theology*

Lesson Aim: Learn about the nature of God as revealed in the inspired texts of 1 & 2 Peter

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 1:15

Questions About This Epistle

1. Make a list of the characteristics, privileges, powers and preogatives which Peter attributes to Deity in his two letters to the saints in Asia Minor.

- (a) 1 Peter 1:2 _____
- (b) 1 Peter 1:3 _____
- (c) 1 Peter 1:15 _____
- (d) 1 Peter 1:17 _____
- (e) 1 Peter 1:21 _____
- (f) 1 Peter 2:5 _____
- (g) 1 Peter 3:4 _____
- (h) 1 Peter 3:12 _____
- (i) 1 Peter 3:22 _____
- (j) 1 Peter 4:19 _____
- (k) 1 Peter 5:6 _____
- (l) 1 Peter 5:7 _____
- (m) 1 Peter 5:10 _____
- (n) 1 Peter 5:11 _____
- (o) 2 Peter 1:3,4 _____
- (p) 2 Peter 1:16,17 _____
- (q) 2 Peter 2:4 _____
- (r) 2 Peter 2:9 _____
- (s) 2 Peter 3:5 _____
- (t) 2 Peter 3:8 _____
- (u) 2 Peter 3:9,15 _____

Make A Life Application

What comfort does the Christian have in knowing that God is a "faithful Creator" that judges "without respect of persons"?

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Lesson Sixteen: *The New Man in Christ According to Peter*

Lesson Aim: Understand the concept of being born again unto a new life in Christ as taught by the Apostle Peter in his two letters to the saints of Asia Minor.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 4:1-6

Questions About This Epistle

1. According to 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 by what means were we born again and to what end did that birth occur?
2. Having been born again what are we to do? (2 Peter 1:3-11; 3:15)
3. What does Peter see as the chief aim of the born again one? (1 Peter 1:22)
4. What place does baptism have in the new birth? (1 Peter 3:18-22)
5. What is the mind of Christ with which the we are to arm ourselves? (1 Peter 4:1-6)
6. How does our conduct differ once we are born again from "the time past of our life"?
7. What expectation of treatment from former comrades does the believer have?
8. How does Peter describe born again ones that return to the world in 2 Peter 2:18-22?

Make A Life Application

Find other passages in the New Testament that compliment what you have studied in 1 & 2 Peter concerning the new man in Christ which affirm his complete separation from the pollutions of the world.

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Lesson Eighteen: *The Work of the Holy Spirit as Taught by Peter*

Lesson Aim: Understand how the Holy Spirit works in revelation, inspiration and in the conviction, conversion and sanctification of men.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 1:2

Questions About This Epistle

1. What works does Peter attribute to the Holy Spirit in each of these texts?

- (a) 1 Peter 1:2 Sanctification (cf. 2 Thes 2:13, 14) Rom 15:16
- (b) 1 Peter 1:11 Signify & testify (Jas. 16:13) 2 Tim 1:13, 14
- (c) 1 Peter 1:12 Miracles (Acts 2; Gal. 3:2, 3) 1 Th 1:4
- (d) 1 Peter 1:22 The truth
- (e) 1 Peter 3:18, 19 Raised Christ (Rom 10:9; Heb. 9:14)
- (f) 2 Peter 1:21 moved by

2. How does the Holy Spirit sanctify anyone? (Give a biblical example of the "sanctification of the Spirit" involving the Apostle Peter.)

Conversion

3. What was the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Old Testament prophets? What other New Testament passages inform us about the Holy Spirit's role in revealing the will of God?

2 Tim 3:15-17; 1 Pet 3:19; 1 Cor 2:13, 12:3; Heb. 2:1-5

4. Explain how Christ preached to the men of the ante-diluvian period? (1 Peter 3:18-22) How does Christ speak to us today?

2 Pet 2:5

Heb 1:1

5. What does Peter mean when he writes, "No prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation"?

"own invention" (CATON)

6. According to 1 Peter 3:18, what specific role did the Holy Spirit play in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead? What other New Testament passages affirm this truth?

Make A Life Application

What comfort and assurance does knowing the Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit give to the Christian?

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Lesson Twenty: The True Grace of God

Lesson Aim: Learn what the true grace of God is and how it is that men come to stand in that grace.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 5:12

Questions About This Epistle

1. Define *grace*.

favor → "unmerited" favor

2. How does Peter use the word *grace* in the following texts?

(a) 1 Peter 1:2 *Traditional Apostolic greeting*

(b) 1 Peter 1:10 *favor* → *system of grace*

(c) 1 Peter 1:13 *favor* → *eternal life realized*

(d) 1 Peter 3:7 *grace of life* (spiritual life)

(e) 1 Peter 4:10 *manifold* (many faceted) [abundant] Rom 12:6

(f) 1 Peter 5:5 *grace* → *mercy*

(g) 1 Peter 5:10 *God of all grace* [source of grace]

(h) 1 Peter 5:12 *true grace* [relationship through grace]

(i) 2 Peter 1:2 *greeting* → *favor upon you*

(j) 2 Peter 3:18 *grow in favor* (Lk 2:40, 52)

3. Does Peter believe that *grace* necessarily excludes any and all works? (Please substantiate your answer with specific statements from Peter's epistles or sermons.)

1 Pet. 1:2, 14, 22

4. What does Peter necessarily imply when he speaks of the "true grace of God"?

false grace (Jude 4)

5. How does one come to stand in the "true grace of God"?

Rom 5:2

Make A Life Application

What does it mean to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God"? What specific things could and should one do in order to be such a steward of that grace?

1 Pet 5:10

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Lesson Twenty-Two: Peter Encourages Spiritual Growth

Lesson Aim: Learn what every Christian must supply in his faith so that he will never be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Questions About This Epistle

1. Define the following terms used by Peter in the lesson text:

- (a) life spiritual life = righteous living
- (b) glory (1:3) glory & virtue = life w/ & like X (eternal life)
- (c) partakers shareers = fellowshippers
- (d) divine nature the character of God
- (e) faith personal or subjective faith
- (f) virtue moral excellence
- (g) knowledge (1:3) participation in Christ (1:6) moral wisdom
- (h) temperance self-control
- (i) patience endurance
- (j) godliness religious duty
- (k) brotherly kindness tender affections for other Xians
- (l) charity agape = true love of God

2. What is the condition of the Christian who has diligently supplied "these things" in his faith? (1:8)

neither barren or unfruitful

3. What is the condition of the man that lacks these things? (1:9)

blind & cannot see afar off

4. How does the believer make his calling and election sure? (1:10)

for if ye do these things ye shall never fall

Make A Life Application

Research the word picture in 2 Peter 1:11 of "an entrance" into the everlasting kingdom. What does this describe? What promise does Peter make to the believer by use of this imagery?

mt 6:19, 20

The Letters of Peter

Lesson Twenty-Four: *Peter warns About False Teachers*

Lesson Aim: Learn the identity, character and fruit of the false teachers, which Peter says will be among us.

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 2:1-22

Questions About This Epistle

1. What does Peter say false teachers will do?
2. What will be the effect of their teaching upon the Church?
3. What assurance does Peter give to the faithful that they should not despair when false teachers arise?
4. What are some of the attributes of a false teacher?
5. Must a man be possessed of all of these attributes in order to be called a false teacher? (Discuss)
6. How did Jesus say we would recognize a false teacher?
7. Upon whom do false teachers prey?
8. Who is Balaam the son of Bosor? Of what is he an example relative to false teachers?
9. What are the "wages of unrighteousness"?
10. What affect does the false teacher's doctrine have upon himself and those whom he deceives?

Make A Life Application

What is the means by which all are able to resist and overcome the false teacher? How may we all be assured of never becoming entangled again in those things which we have escaped through the Lord Jesus Christ?

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The Life of Peter

Lesson Twenty-Five: Peter Strengthens His Brethren

Lesson Aim: Watch the aged saint fulfill his charge to feed Jesus' sheep and strengthen his brethren.

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 1:12-19

Background Texts: Acst 8:14-25; 9:32-43; 12:1-19; 15:6-11; 1 Peter 5:1-14; John 21:18,19

Questions About Peter

1. Describe the evangelistic work of the Apostle Peter as recounted in the New Testament?

- (a) Jerusalem Pentecost / Est. Ch / 1st Elders / Oversaw great collect.
- (b) Judea Preached throughout
- (c) Caesaria 1st Gentile converts
- (d) Babylon est. Church and 1st elders
- (e) Asia Minor after Jerusalem conference known through Gal wrote two letters

2. Outline the advice Peter gives in 1 Peter 5:1-14 to Churches which will strengthen them.

(Phil 2:3,4)

- ① Elders watch / be examples ② members submit ③ humility ④ Sobriety
- ⑤ Trust God ⑥ Resist sin ⑦ Suffer patiently ⑧ Stand firm (Tit 2:11)

3. What example did Peter set for handling controversy in the local Church and among brethren?

(Phil 4:3-9)

Acts 15

4. What contribution did Peter make to the Church in Babylon that strengthened it? (1 Peter 5:1)

He was an elder

5. As an evangelist by what means did Peter strengthen his brethren?

Acts 2 (2 Pet 1)

Acts 8

Acts 9:43

Acts 12:12

Preached / Reminded { Rebuked } Stayed w/ them } went to them }

6. What attribute did Peter manifest in his old age that would strengthen his brethren?

Conviction (2 Pet 1:12-19)

Concern for them (youth) (1 Pet 5:5)

7. What confidence in the word of God did he demonstrate that would strengthen his brethren?



8. What attitude toward Paul did Peter display that would strengthen his brethren?

Beloved (2 Pet 3:15) "Our"

9. What concern for repentance did Peter show that would strengthen his brethren?

2 Pet. 3:9, 15

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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your machine. I will try to get it fixed as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Smith

Enclosed for you are the bills for the work done on your machine.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Smith

The Letters of Peter

Lesson Twenty-Six: *Peter Preaches the Return of Jesus*

Lesson Aim: Learn that Jesus is coming back to judge the world in righteousness.

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 3:1-18

Questions About This Epistle

1. Whom did Peter say would come in the last days? What would they do?
2. Of what two events does Peter remind us in order to give assurance that Christ will come again?
3. Why do these events have any significance in connection with the return of Christ?
4. What is the meaning of this statement: "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"? To what does Peter make the application in this text.
5. One of the attributes of Deity is *longsuffering* (2 Peter 3:9,15). What has this attribute to do with the timing on the return of Christ in judgment?
6. What does God want all men to do? Why? List other New Testament texts that contain a sentiment similar to that of 2 Peter 3:9.
7. What are the signs of Jesus' coming?
8. What will happen to the earth when Jesus returns?
9. For what do the righteous look at the return of Jesus?
10. What have some done with the things that both Peter and Paul have revealed concerning the return of Christ? Why do they do this?

Make A Life Application

Since Jesus is coming back to judge the world in righteousness, what does Peter say the believer should be doing?

