


# Joyful Life Bible Studies

## I PETER 1:1-5

Lesson 3

### FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. How has your Overview of I Peter contributed to your *joyful life*?
2. Do you get tired of reading and hearing about bad news? You will be encouraged and comforted by good news through your study this week. Read I Peter 1:1-5. Choose a verse or phrase that particularly conveys good news to you today. Write it here.
3. Prepare your mind and heart to receive all the Lord has for you through your time in His Word. Ask the Lord to instruct and enable you to embrace and apply His truths to your life. Write your prayer here.

*In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You.  
I want to know You more.  
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**SECOND DAY:** Read I Peter 1:1,2

1. In I Peter 1:1,2 the author began his letter with what is called a salutation. How did he introduce himself? verse 1a
  - a. *Apostle* means *one sent forth*. To whom did Peter address his letter? verse 1b
    - (1.) Think about what it must have been like for these scattered, possibly homesick, Christians to receive a letter from the Apostle Peter. What might their reaction have been?
  - b. Other versions of I Peter 1:1 use the words *pilgrims*, *aliens* and *sojourners* instead of *strangers*. What does this suggest to you about a believer's perspective toward this life?

Advanced Students: The word translated *scattered* in KJV is *Diaspora*. Using your dictionary define *Diaspora*.

2. Notice from I Peter 1:2a what Peter called these believers. *Elect* means *chosen*. Write the phrase in this verse that declares how believers are chosen.

Personal: Do you wonder if you have been chosen? Pastor Chuck says: *If you want to know whether or not you've been chosen, just choose Him!*


3. I Peter 1:2 reveals the work of the Trinity in salvation. Notice the phrase: *sanctification of the Spirit*. The word *sanctification* means *set apart for God*. What impact should this have on our lives as Christians?

Challenge: Link the Old Testament ritual of *sprinkling of the blood* (Exodus 24:8) with Matthew 26:26-28; Hebrews 9:14; I Peter 1:18,19. Note your findings.

4. The greeting of *grace and peace* was common in the early church. Observe what Peter added to this greeting. verse 2c How has God's *grace and peace* been *multiplied* in your life?

**THIRD DAY:** Read I Peter 1:3-5

1. I Peter 1:3-5 is one of the most encouraging paragraphs in this letter. In the King James Version verses 3-5 is one sentence. Read I Peter 1:3-5 to discover the good news concerning your salvation. Take a few moments to consider verse 3, letting it penetrate your mind and heart, as you write it here phrase by phrase.
  
2. Peter praised God by using the first phrase of a traditional Jewish prayer, *Blessed be God*. What did he declare about *God*? verse 3a
  - a. From verse 3a what is Christ's relationship to us?
  
3. The phrase in I Peter 1:3 *begotten us again unto a lively hope* could be translated *born again to a living hope*. According to this verse how was this accomplished?
  - a. Write what the following phrases mean to you today:
    - (1.) *His abundant mercy*
  
    - (2.) *the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*
  - b. This *hope* is alive! It indicates an active, energizing principle of divine life within. How should this *living hope* influence your choices, conduct and conversation?

*I know that my Redeemer liveth  
and because He lives, I, too, shall live.*  
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**FOURTH DAY:** Read I Peter 1:3-5

1. Read I Peter 1:3-5 once more. Today we will focus on verse 4. Along with a *living hope* what does our new birth into God's family bring to us? Print the one word answer from I Peter 1:4a.
2. From I Peter 1:4 record the descriptions of this *inheritance* and provide a definition for each:

Description	Definition
a.	a.
b.	b.
c.	c.
d.	d.

3. Think about this reassuring promise: *reserved in heaven for you*. Contrast your heavenly inheritance with an earthly inheritance. Write your thoughts.
4. Read Ephesians 1:11a and Colossians 1:12. Take a moment now to express your thanksgiving to the Lord for this *inheritance*.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart.*  
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**FIFTH DAY:** Read I Peter 1:3-5

1. You will recall I Peter 1:3-5 is one sentence. These verses assure us that our *inheritance* will be kept safe for us. What hope does I Peter 1:5a give believers?

a. What does Jude 24 reveal to us about this?

2. Salvation is past, present and future. Salvation began when you believed in Christ, it is at work daily in your life, and its full completion will occur when you are with Christ in heaven. God has done His part in providing salvation. To receive all He has done there is only one requirement for us. What does I Peter 1:5 declare is our part in our salvation?

a. Define *faith*.

(1.) List the instructions from Jude 20,21 that will keep us strong in *faith*.

(a.) Which one of these speaks to you most powerfully today? Tell why.

b. Write what I Peter 1:5c declares about this *salvation*.

3. Think about what your life would be like without the hope of I Peter 1:5. Pray for someone you know who does not have this hope.

**SIXTH DAY:** Read I Peter 1:1-5

1. Recall and record one interesting discovery or fact from your study of I Peter 1:1,2.

2. With I Peter 1:3,4 in mind write a brief thought about each of the following:

- a. *God's abundant mercy*
  
  - b. *born again*
  
  - c. *living hope*
  
  - d. *our inheritance*
3. In what way has your study of I Peter 1:5 this week increased your understanding or appreciation for your salvation?
4. What encouraged or blessed you the most through this week's lesson?

*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ.  
It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes. . .  
This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight.  
This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.  
Romans 1:16,17a NLT*