

Joyful Life Bible Studies

I PETER 1:17-25

Lesson 6

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Review I Peter 1:13-16. In what way has your study of these verses influenced your choices or conversation or conduct this week?

2. The heart of the gospel is presented this week in our study of I Peter 1:17-25. We will be reminded of the extraordinary price that was paid for our salvation. Our attention will be drawn to our relationship with God and our responsibility to one another. The practical instruction in I Peter 1:17-25 is essential for every believer. Read these verses and write the phrase or verse that especially captures your attention today.
 - a. Share why.

3. Let the verse printed at the bottom of the page be a reminder of the importance of Bible study. In recognition and response to this, begin your study by writing a prayer asking the Lord to speak to you through His Word and give you the desire and power to obey what you learn.

*But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever.
And this is the Word which
by the gospel is preached unto you.
I Peter 1:25*

SECOND DAY: Read I Peter 1:17-19

1. The verses we are focusing on today are so powerful and necessary to our Christian walk, you will want to spend as much time as possible studying them. You will discover every phrase of each verse is rich with meaning. Begin by writing verse 17 here phrase by phrase.

a. What intimate relationship with God are believers privileged to have? Link verse 14a with verse 17a for your answer.

b. What do you learn about our *Father* from verse 17?

Challenge: Using Romans 14:10, I Corinthians 3:12-15 and II Corinthians 5:10, give a brief explanation of the I Peter 1:17 judgment.

2. Read I Peter 1:17c again and consider our accountability before a holy God. The word *fear* in this verse is *reverential awe*. Note the Amplified version of verse 17c: *you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence on the earth.* With this in mind write what you learn about the *fear of the Lord* from the following verses:

a. Proverbs 8:13a

b. Proverbs 9:10a

c. Proverbs 14:26,27

d. How should the *fear of the Lord* affect our daily walk?

3. I Peter 1:18,19 gives the believer a powerful incentive for holy living. Verse 18 begins: *Forasmuch as ye know*. According to verses 18,19 what should you *know*? Selah - pause and think about this.

a. Define the word *redeemed*.

(1.) What does it mean to you that you *were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers* (verse 18b NIV)?

b. Think about Christ's extravagant love for you. He willingly paid the ultimate price to purchase you for Himself. How does this minister to you today?

*Amazing love, how can it be
that Thou my God shouldst die for me?*
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THIRD DAY: Read I Peter 1:20,21

1. Pastor Chuck says: *The plan of redemption existed before the foundation of the world was laid*. With this in mind write I Peter 1:20 here.

a. What additional understanding do you receive from Galatians 4:4,5 concerning the phrase *but was manifest in these last times*?

2. I Peter 1:21 reveals essential truths that are foundational to our faith. Observe this by completing the following phrases from verse 21:

Who _____ do _____ in God, that _____ Him _____
and _____ Him _____; that your _____ and _____ might be in _____.

a. Briefly share when you came to *trust in God*.

3. We have a living and exalted Saviour. Why is Jesus' resurrection essential to our *faith* and *hope*? See I Corinthians 15:12-19.

*By Your grace and endless mercy, we have all been born anew.
By Your death and resurrection, You did what I could never do.
I'm amazed; I am amazed at what Your Word tells me You did.
I'm amazed, I am amazed. You gave it all so I might live.
I'm amazed with You.*

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FOURTH DAY: Read I Peter 1:22,23

1. Today we will study one of the most important commands written to all born again believers. Read I Peter 1:22 and print the command given to us in the last phrase of this verse.
 - a. Two different Greek words are used for *love* in verse 22. *Unfeigned* (sincere) *love of the brethren* is *philadelphia* meaning *brotherly love*. The second word for *love* is the word *agapao*, which is *Christ-like love*. Observe this love exemplified in I Corinthians 13:4-8a. What do you see?
 - b. *Fervently* means *intently*, referring to *fervent action* rather than *fervent feeling*. Keep in mind we are to do this with *a pure heart*. How does I John 3:18 support this?
 - c. If we lack this kind of love what should we do about it?

Optional: Read I Corinthians 13:1-3. What do these verses reveal about our faith and works?

2. Read John 15:12,13. Who is our example of love?
 - a. How does this speak to you about the degree of love we are to have?

3. With today's study in mind, share one or two practical ways we could spend less time on *the glory of man* and more time in *the Word of the Lord*.

And this Word is the good news which was preached to you.
I Peter 1:25b Amp.

SIXTH DAY: Review I Peter 1:17-25

1. Recall the two essential commands given to us this week by filling in the missing words from the following verses:

- a. *pass the time of your sojourning here* ____ _____; I Peter 1:17c
- b. *see that ye* _____ _____ _____ *with a pure heart fervently:* I Peter 1:22c
- c. Share a way you are putting each of these into practice.

2. Through your study of I Peter 1:17-25 write something you learned about:

- a. *the Father*
- b. *Christ*
- c. *the Spirit*
- d. *the Word of God*
- e. *the gospel*

3. Gratefully consider the cost of your redemption. verse 18,19 In response to this write a sentence expressing your thanksgiving to the Lord.

4. Which of the truths in this week's lesson enriched or inspired you the most?

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's Own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, Oh my Father, for giving us Your Son.
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*
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