

Bible Study – Outline

I PETER

God's Grace and the Living Hope

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Major Theme(s)

Hope and Encouragement for those going through trials and persecution
Grace
Glory
Faith

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Live in holiness – Be Holy	1:13-21
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God's Grace and Submission – Our example before men	
Submit to authorities	2:11-3:12
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God's Grace and Suffering	
Make Jesus Christ Lord	3:13-22
Have Christ's attitude – The responsibilities of Christian living	4:1-11
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Look for Christ's return - The requirements of Christian leadership	5:1-6
Depend on Christ's grace - The realization of Christian victory	5:7-14

II Peter 3:1-2 Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. 2 I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostle

Key Scriptures

I Peter 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

I Peter 1:7

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

I Peter 1:10

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care

I Peter 1:13-15

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

I Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

I Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

I Peter 2:24

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

I Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble

I Peter 3:15-16

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

I Peter 3:21

and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

I Peter 4:7-11

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen

I Peter 5:2

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

I Peter 5:6-9

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

The Three Truths - A Basis For Living In Hope Every Day

1. The earth is not my home. My home is in heaven.
2. God uses adversity to strengthen faith
3. The end of all things is near

The Three Marks of a Genuine Christian

Be Holy

Be Reverently Fearful

Be Priests

Discussion Questions

1. How do you understand “Glory”
2. What does it mean to be “Holy”
3. How are we to be priests
4. How can we suffer with joy?
5. What is the answer you give? I Pet. 3:15-16
6. How have you used your suffering to help others?

The words of St. Francis of Assisi – “Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary use words.”

Resources Used

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