

# Bible Study for 1<sup>st</sup> Peter – Chapter One

Websites Useful in understanding “Inductive Bible Study”

<http://www.intervarsity.org/bible-studies/inductive-bible-study-hints>

[http://powertochange.com/experience/spiritual-growth/inductivestudy/?section\\_id=32](http://powertochange.com/experience/spiritual-growth/inductivestudy/?section_id=32)

<http://www.christianity.com/christian%20foundations/the%20bible/11530093/>

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## Verses used for tonight’s lesson:

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\*What does Peter say that the reader should do because of his purpose for writing? (v. 6)

\*What purpose do life’s trials serve? (v. 7)

\*What encouragement or motivation does Peter give the reader? (v. 8-9)

\*What point might Peter be trying to make in verses 10-12?

\*What’s so important about the word “therefore” used in verse 13 & how does it tie to v. 10-12?

\*What does it mean to be holy, according to Peter? (v. 13-16)

\*Why should we be holy? (v. 17-18)

\*Why did God choose His only son, Jesus to redeem us? (v. 18-21)

\*Why is Peter’s message in chapter one so important to the believers both then and now? (v. 22-25)

## Small Group Questions:

1. Read chapter one again as a group, preferably in a version that’s not the NIV.
2. What would be one phrase or sentence that you could use to summarize chapter one?
3. Look at verses 6-7. What purpose do life’s trials serve? Read James 1:2-3 as a reference.
4. In what can you “greatly rejoice” despite the trials you might be facing? (v. 3-5)
5. According to Peter, what does it mean to be holy? (v. 13-16)
6. What makes loving others deeply and actively possible? (v. 22-23)
7. What spiritual struggles are you going through right now?
8. What have you found helpful when you are dealing with those struggles?
9. What does this chapter encourage or motivate you to do with those struggles?
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- **To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout ...**

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- **To give them hope and encourage them to be holy, not give up**

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- **Greatly rejoice and understand you will face trials ... for a little while**

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- **To refine us, test and prove our faith, so we are genuine, result in praise, glory and honor**

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- **Stay focused on Christ! Love him. Obey him. BECAUSE he's worth it in the end.**

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- **Read different translations/versions**

**The Message:** 10-12 The prophets who told us this was coming asked a lot of questions about this gift of life God was preparing. The Messiah's Spirit let them in on some of it—that the Messiah would experience suffering, followed by glory. They clamored to know who and when. All they were told was that they were serving you, you who by orders from heaven have now heard for yourselves—through the Holy Spirit—the Message of those prophecies fulfilled. Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this!

**New Living:** 10 This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. 11 They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. 12 They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

- **He's saying the details aren't as important as knowing Christ; we're privileged to know what we know already. So don't miss out on knowing HIM!**

- \*What's so important about the word "therefore" used in verse 13 & how does it tie to v. 10-12?  
- **It's a transitional word, so what's said before that is important and it answers the WHY.**
- \*What does it mean to be holy, according to Peter? (v. 13-16)  
- **To do all of those things, not lacking in any area**
- \*Why should we be holy? (v. 17-18)  
- **Because God is just and fair and because he redeemed us.**
- \*Why did God choose His only son, Jesus to redeem us? (v. 18-21)  
- **To save us from an "empty way of life," for relationship with God, so we could believe in God, so He can be glorified, so our faith and hope are in Him and not ourselves.**
- \*Why is Peter's message in chapter one so important to the believers both then and now? (v. 22-25)  
- **So that we can obey the truth, standing strong in our faith despite the trials and spiritual struggles we might be facing. So what we can love one another deeply and from the heart, because we know that's what will show the world we're Christians (John 13:35), but mostly so that we will stay grounded in God's word and understand the importance of it.**

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