

The First Epistle of Peter

1 Peter 1 - 5

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This booklet is prepared for the Bible Memory Program of Trinity Bible Church and Hillcrest Chapel in Portland, Oregon.

Memory groups will meet weekly to recite each assignment. The booklet contains selected Bible verses arranged in 15 assignments with seven or eight verses to be memorized each week. *The assignment number and Bible reference should be memorized and recited with each assignment.*

Those who prefer shorter assignments may memorize the three verses in each assignment which are marked with the symbol: ✱, in this booklet.

There is a companion booklet for small children containing one verse per week. The verses found in the children's book are marked in this booklet by the symbol: ✚.

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Assignment 1

Chapter 1

1 Peter 1:1-7

- 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who reside as aliens,
scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia,
Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
who are chosen
- 2 according to the foreknowledge
of God the Father,
by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,
to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled
with His blood: May grace and peace
be yours in the fullest measure.
- †* 3 Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who according to His great mercy
has caused us to be born again
to a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- * 4 to *obtain* an inheritance
which is imperishable and undefiled
and will not fade away,
reserved in heaven for you,
- * 5 who are protected
by the power of God through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed
in the last time.
- 6 In this you greatly rejoice,
even though now for a little while,
if necessary,
you have been distressed
by various trials,
- 7 so that the proof of your faith,
being more precious than gold
which is perishable,
even though tested by fire,
may be found to result in praise
and glory and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Assignment 2

1 Peter 1:8-14

- * ⁸ and though you have not seen Him,
you love Him,
and though you do not see Him now,
but believe in Him,
you greatly rejoice
with joy inexpressible
and full of glory,
- ⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith
the salvation of your souls.
- ¹⁰ As to this salvation,
the prophets who prophesied
of the grace that *would come* to you
made careful searches and inquiries,
- ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time
the Spirit of Christ within them
was indicating as He predicted
the sufferings of Christ
and the glories to follow.

¹² It was revealed to them that
they were not serving themselves,
but you, in these things which now
have been announced to you
through those who
preached the gospel to you
by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—
things into which angels long to look.

+* ¹³ Therefore,
prepare your minds for action,
keep sober *in spirit*,
fix your hope completely
on the grace to be brought to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

* ¹⁴ As obedient children,
do not be conformed
to the former lusts
which were yours in your ignorance,

Assignment 3

1 Peter 1:15-21

- †* 15 but like the Holy One
who called you,
be holy yourselves also
in all *your* behavior;
- 16 because it is written,
“YOU SHALL BE HOLY,
FOR I AM HOLY.”
- 17 If you address as Father
the One who impartially judges
according to each one’s work,
conduct yourselves in fear
during the time of your stay *on earth*;
- * 18 knowing that you were not redeemed
with perishable things
like silver or gold
from your futile way of life
inherited from your forefathers,
- * 19 but with precious blood,
as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,
the blood of Christ.
- 20 For He was foreknown
before the foundation of the world,
but has appeared in these last times
for the sake of you
- 21 who through Him are believers in God,
who raised Him from the dead
and gave Him glory,
so that your faith and hope are in God.

Assignment 4

1 Peter 1:22-25

²² Since you have
in obedience to the truth
purified your souls
for a sincere love of the brethren,
fervently love one another
from the heart,

²³ for you have been born again
not of seed which is perishable
but imperishable,
that is, through the living
and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For,
“ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY
LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.
THE GRASS WITHERS,
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD
ENDURES FOREVER.”
And this is the word
which was preached to you.

Chapter 2

1 Peter 2:1-3

- * ¹ Therefore, putting aside all malice
and all deceit and hypocrisy
and envy and all slander,
- +* ² like newborn babies,
long for the pure milk of the word,
so that by it you may grow
in respect to salvation,
- * ³ if you have tasted
the kindness of the Lord.

Assignment 5

1 Peter 2:4-10

- * ⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,
- * ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- ✦* ⁶ For *this is* contained in Scripture: “BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”
- ⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*,”
- ⁸ and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.
- ⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

Assignment 6

1 Peter 2:11-17

- †* 11 Beloved, I urge you
as aliens and strangers
to abstain from fleshly lusts
which wage war against the soul.
- * 12 Keep your behavior excellent
among the Gentiles,
so that in the thing
in which they slander you as evildoers,
they may because of your good deeds,
as they observe *them*,
glorify God in the day of visitation.
- * 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake
to every human institution,
whether to a king
as the one in authority,

14 or to governors as sent by him
for the punishment of evildoers
and the praise of those who do right.

- 15 For such is the will of God
that by doing right you may silence
the ignorance of foolish men.
- 16 *Act* as free men,
and do not use your freedom
as a covering for evil,
but *use it* as bondslaves of God.
- 17 Honor all people,
love the brotherhood,
fear God,
honor the king.

Assignment 7

1 Peter 2:18-25

- 18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.
- 19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.
- 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.
- 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,
- 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;
- * 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;
- †* 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
- * 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Assignment 8

Chapter 3

1 Peter 3:1-7

- ¹ In the same way, you wives,
be submissive to your own husbands
so that even if any *of them*
are disobedient to the word,
they may be won without a word
by the behavior of their wives,
- ² as they observe your chaste
and respectful behavior.
- * ³ Your adornment must not be
merely external—braiding the hair,
and wearing gold jewelry,
or putting on dresses;
- +* ⁴ but *let it be* the hidden person
of the heart,
with the imperishable quality
of a gentle and quiet spirit,
which is precious in the sight of God.
- ⁵ For in this way in former times
the holy women also,
who hoped in God,
used to adorn themselves,
being submissive
to their own husbands;
- ⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham,
calling him lord,
and you have become her children
if you do what is right
without being frightened by any fear.
- * ⁷ You husbands in the same way,
live with *your wives*
in an understanding way,
as with someone weaker,
since she is a woman;
and show her honor as a fellow heir
of the grace of life,
so that your prayers
will not be hindered.

Assignment 9

1 Peter 3:8-14

- †*⁸ To sum up, all of you be harmonious,
sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted,
and humble in spirit;
- *⁹ not returning evil for evil
or insult for insult,
but giving a blessing instead;
for you were called
for the very purpose
that you might inherit a blessing.
- *¹⁰ For,
“THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE,
TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS,
MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE
FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS
FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.
- ¹¹ “HE MUST TURN AWAY
FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD;
HE MUST SEEK PEACE
AND PURSUE IT.

- ¹² “FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD
ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND HIS EARS ATTEND
TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD
IS AGAINST THOSE
WHO DO EVIL.”
- ¹³ Who is there to harm you
if you prove zealous for what is good?
- ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer
for the sake of righteousness,
you are blessed.
AND DO NOT FEAR
THEIR INTIMIDATION,
AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

Assignment 10

1 Peter 3:15-22

- * ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord
in your hearts, always *being* ready
to make a defense to everyone
who asks you to give an account
for the hope that is in you,
yet with gentleness and reverence;
- * ¹⁶ and keep a good conscience
so that in the thing
in which you are slandered,
those who revile your good behavior
in Christ will be put to shame.
- ¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so,
that you suffer for doing what is right
rather than for doing what is wrong.
- †* ¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all,
the just for *the* unjust,
so that He might bring us to God,
having been put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit;

- ¹⁹ in which also
He went and made proclamation
to the spirits *now* in prison,
- ²⁰ who once were disobedient,
when the patience of God
kept waiting in the days of Noah,
during the construction of the ark,
in which a few, that is, eight persons,
were brought safely through *the* water.
- ²¹ Corresponding to that,
baptism now saves you—
not the removal of dirt from the flesh,
but an appeal to God for a
good conscience—
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ,
- ²² who is at the right hand of God,
having gone into heaven, after angels
and authorities and powers
had been subjected to Him.

Assignment 11

Chapter 4

1 Peter 4:1-7

- +*¹ Therefore,
since Christ has suffered in the flesh,
arm yourselves also
with the same purpose,
because he who has suffered
in the flesh has ceased from sin,
- *² so as to live
the rest of the time in the flesh
no longer for the lusts of men,
but for the will of God.
- *³ For the time already past
is sufficient *for you* to have carried out
the desire of the Gentiles,
having pursued a course of sensuality,
lusts, drunkenness, carousing,
drinking parties
and abominable idolatries.

- ⁴ In *all* this, they are surprised
that you do not run with *them*
into the same excesses of dissipation,
and they malign *you*;
- ⁵ but they will give account to Him
who is ready to judge the living
and the dead.
- ⁶ For the gospel has for this purpose
been preached even to those
who are dead, that though
they are judged in the flesh as men,
they may live in the spirit
according to *the will of God*.
- ⁷ The end of all things is near;
therefore,
be of sound judgment and sober *spirit*
for the purpose of prayer.

Assignment 12

1 Peter 4:8-14

- †* 8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
- * 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.
- * 10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- 11 Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

- 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;
- 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.
- 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Assignment 13

1 Peter 4:15-19

- 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;
- 16 but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.
- * 17 For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?
- * 18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

- +* 19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Chapter 5

1 Peter 5:1-2

- 1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,
- 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

Assignment 14

1 Peter 5:3-9

- 3 nor yet as lording it
over those allotted to your charge,
but proving to be examples to the flock.
- 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive
the unfading crown of glory.
- * 5 You younger men, likewise,
be subject to *your* elders;
and all of you,
clothe yourselves with humility
toward one another, for GOD
IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD,
BUT GIVES GRACE
TO THE HUMBLE.
- +* 6 Therefore humble yourselves
under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you
at the proper time,
- * 7 casting all your anxiety on Him,
because He cares for you.
- 8 Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert.
Your adversary, the devil,
prowls around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.
- 9 But resist him, firm in *your* faith,
knowing that the same
experiences of suffering
are being accomplished
by your brethren
who are in the world.

Assignment 15

1 Peter 5:10-14

- †* ¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while,
the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.
- * ¹¹ To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- * ¹² Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard *him*), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

- ¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and *so does* my son, Mark.
- ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.