

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #48 – 1 & 2 Peter

**PRAYER:** Read 1 Peter 1:1-9 as a prayer of praise. Through suffering and joy we see Christ as the Lord of our lives.

**Notes on 1 & 2 Peter:** The writer, Peter, is the outspoken disciple of Jesus. As far as we know, the first letter was written in the early 60's A.D. and the second letter was most likely written from 65-68. Peter was martyred by Nero close to 68 A.D. 1 Peter is given as help when the believers are threatened by false teachers within the church. It is thought that Peter's ministry and writings were done in Rome. The grace of God as seen in the Gospel of Christ is supreme throughout both of Peter's epistles. Like all of scripture, Peter's writings are alive for us today.

Favorite Verse from 1 Peter:

### **Questions on 1 Peter:**

1. The theme of the book can be seen in 1:6. Look at 1:7-9. What is the Godly purpose of their trials?
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3. Read Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed. Underline thoughts that Luther could have found in 1 Peter, Chapter 1.

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord. At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil - not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. All this He has done that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

4. Chapters 2 – What are different ways Peter (His name means Rock.) used the analogy of stone to describe Jesus or Christians?
5. Chapter 2 – What connotations do you find in Peter's names for Christians?

Living Stones:

Chosen People:

Royal Priesthood:

Holy Nation:

People of God:

6. Chapter 3:18-22 – The part of the Apostle’s Creed that declares Christ “descended to hell” is based on these verses. Christ’s preaching was of victory. The disobedient ones from the days of Noah are examples of all who have disobeyed throughout the ages. Properly understood, Christ’s descent to hell is part of His exaltation. His suffering was completed on the cross. Any Questions?
  
7. Chapter 4 – Why should we take heart in our suffering?
  
8. Chapters 5:8-9 – How can we stand firm against the devil?

Favorite verse from 2 Peter:

**Questions on 2 Peter:**

1. Chapter 1:5-9 – Write out the progression of Christian virtues. How are these beneficial?
  
2. Chapter 1:16-18 – What is happening from the Gospels is Peter referring to? What did it prove to Peter?
  
3. Chapter 1:20-21 – What do these words tell us about the authority of Scripture?
  
4. Chapter 3:5-8 – The Word of God is credited with three great worldwide events. What are they?

Your questions on 1 & 2 Peter...

Read 1, 2 & 3 John & Jude