

### Section I. Read I Peter 1:1-2.

1. a. List all the ways Peter described the recipients of this letter.

b. Which of these could apply to you? Explain.

2. As Peter told how these recipients were chosen, each member of the Godhead was mentioned. What was the role of each? (See additional scriptures listed for further study.)

a. God (Romans 8:29) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jesus (Hebrews 12:24) \_\_\_\_\_

c. Holy Spirit (II Thessalonians 2:13) \_\_\_\_\_

3. a. Note Peter's salutation—a common way New Testament writers began their letters. Think of a way to encourage people as Peter did using words that are natural for you.

b. Are you known for an abundance of grace and peace in your life? How does one develop these traits? a) Read more self-help books. b) Wear a WWJD bracelet. c) Make a New Year's resolution and really try to keep it. d) Ask God. e) Create a chart for each member of the family and reward gracious behavior with a sticker. f) Greet everybody in a "scriptural" manner by using Peter's exact words g) Be filled with the Holy Spirit. h) \_\_\_\_\_

### Sections II and III. Read I Peter 1:3-5.

4. How does a new birth (or rebirth) happen?

John 1:13 \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:1-15 \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:18 \_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 1:23 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Contrast a living hope with the hope of godless people.  
(Job 11:20; Proverbs 10:28; Colossians 1:5; Colossians 1:27; I Thessalonians 4:13-14)

**Hope of Godless People**

**Living Hope**



6. What are the benefits of a living hope?

Psalm 62:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 146:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:2 \_\_\_\_\_

II Corinthians 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_

I Thessalonians 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Hospice caretakers tell us one of the best ways to encourage a terminally ill patient is to give them something to anticipate i.e. a party, holidays, new treatments, etc. Keeping this principal in mind, with whom will you share your living hope?

#### **Section IV. Read I Peter 1:4-7.**

8. a. Exactly what is the promised inheritance referred to in verse 4? (Titus 3:7; Hebrews 1:14)

b. What have you inherited in this life (material goods or empty ways) that is already gone or has caused havoc in your life?

c. What could you pass on to your loved ones that would never perish, spoil or fade?

9. What kind of trials is Peter talking about in 1:6. Also consider I Peter 2:20; 3:13-17; 4:12-19; and 5:9.
- Those brought on by bad choices.
  - Afflictions of earthly living experienced by all mankind (disease, breakdowns, irritating people, etc.).
  - Persecutions for the sake of Jesus.
  - Temptations.
  - Other.
10. When have you been ridiculed because you stood up for Jesus and/or the righteous principles he taught?
11. Think of a trial you have been through recently. Share how it has strengthened your faith in retrospect.

## **Section V. Read I Peter 1:8-12.**

12. What do you learn about Christ in verses 10-12?

- 13 a. Where are the writings of the Holy-Spirit-inspired prophets concerning Jesus found?
- b. Who were the prophets serving with these predictions? Are we included?
- c. How does this affect the way you value the Old Testament? (II Peter 1:19)

**Pensive ponderings:** What could be the explanation if someone considers herself a Christian and yet experiences no persecutions?