

THE SIMPLIFIED KING JAMES VERSION

***LITERAL TEXT AND
PARAPHRASED***

THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

**A Verse by Verse
Discipleship tool,
designed for personal study
and small group discussions.**

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USING VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY

Koine Greek is the Greek in which the New Testament was originally written. It was the everyday language of the common people. This has given great incentive to the fast-growing movement of translating the Bible into everyday speech and idioms. The word “translate” means “to express in another language, systematically retaining the original sense.” The primary reason for Bible translation is to help others understand the Word of God.

There are basically three different kinds of translations: (1) A “literal” translation, seeking a word-for-word rendering of the original text. (2) “Free” translating. This is the translators attempt to create the same sense or content of the original but not necessarily the same grammatical form. (3) A “paraphrase.” A paraphrase is restatement of a text giving the meaning in different words.

Good translations should say the same thing only in different styles. If differences in translations are not just a matter of style, realize that the meaning of the verse is difficult and that two or more meanings of words or phrases may be possible in Greek. Why should we get off track by going to a lot of different commentaries when we can take advantage many of today’s translations that communicate the same message in different words and styles?

Although in this study we personally adhere to the Western Text family of the Greek manuscripts, which is the foundation for the King James Version, Tyndale’s Bible, Martin Luther’s Bible, New King James Version, Young’s Literal Translation, etc., why not use a full set of tools for our Biblical studies? A Greek word may require several or even several dozen English words to render it adequately. The Greek scholar A.T. Robertson points out one reason for this: *“Language was originally pictographic... Words have never gotten wholly away from the picture stage... There is no single Greek word that has an EXACT equivalent in a single English word”* [A Beginner’s Reader-Grammar for N.T. Greek].

No translation can ever hope to reproduce completely all the shades of meaning found in the Greek New Testament. As Kenneth Wuest points out: *“In a translation which keeps to a minimum of words, that is, where one English word for instance is the translation of one Greek word, it is impossible for the translator to bring out all the shades of meaning in the Greek word”* [Untranslatable Riches from the Greek N.T.].

This is why we have sought to use various translations and paraphrases to help build and see a complete picture of that which the Apostle’s were saying in their letters. The primary reason for a translation in the first place is to help readers understand God’s Word. We have used the Authorized King James Version as a foundational translation while using the Simplified King James literal text and paraphrased as a kind of commentary on the passage. Other translations are encouraged to be read along with our material (such as the New Living Translation, New American Standard, New International Reader’s Version, Jerusalem Bible, Contemporary English Version, New

Century Version, Living Bible, Phillips Modern English, the Last Days New Testament, or any other translation that may be available). By reading various translations we believe a person will acquire a fuller understanding of the thought and content of the original Greek. **Remember, good translations should communicate the same message but with different styles.**

INTRODUCING THE SIMPLIFIED KING JAMES VERSION

The King James Version (1611). “The scene had changed in England, from a situation where the people had no Bible in English to the perplexing necessity of choosing from among a number of translations. King James succeeded Queen Elizabeth in 1603. When the suggestion was given that a new translation be made from the Greek and Hebrew with marginal notes restricted to matters of language and parallel passages, King James immediately approved. He appointed fifty-four of the best scholars to undertake the work. Forty-seven actually participated. The King James Version was extremely faithful to the text. Italics informed the reader when words that did not have an equivalent in Hebrew or Greek were added to the English. For 350 years the King James Version has held a place of top priority in the Christian world” (Selecting a Translation of the Bible, by Lewis Foster, pgs. 37-38). Only recently have the newer translations gained in popularity. The reason being is that the English language changes every twenty-five years. A **keyboard** when I was a child was on a piano. Today everyone immediately thinks of a computer. Words and phrases in 1611 such as “works meet for repentance,” “propitiation,” “having your conversation,” etc., need a modern equivalent to be understandable. “The Simplified King James Version – literal text” seeks to help in this matter by supplying in brackets [] to the King James Version common meanings of outdated words and phrases. The “Simplified King James Version – paraphrased” further brings understanding by translating into modern English from the Textus Receptus Greek text. This text was the bases of the King James Version translation and is commonly called the Received Text. The majority of approximately 5,000 complete and partial ancient Greek manuscripts of the New Testament agree with the Received Text. “The Simplified King James Versions” are incorporating years of research and information that would normally only be found in a variety of Bible translations, publications and reference works. It is like having a whole Bible Library of information at your fingertips.

Questions at the end of each verse or verses seek to help you understand only what the Bible says. Each question seeks a non-biased theological approach.

The goal of “The Simplified King James Versions” and discipleship program are: (1) To make the Bible understandable. (2) To make the Bible the final authority and rule of one’s life.

GUIDELINES FOR YOUR GROUP

(1) God speaks through the Bible. The Bible is the record of God's self-revelation. Let the Bible change you, don't try to change the Bible (Heb. 13:9).

(2) What did the first-century church understand when they first heard these New Testament letters read to them (Colossians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:27)?

(3) As a student of Scripture one should never read into a passage or take away from the passage that which it actually states (Revelation 22:18-19).

(4) Scripture has a "context." "Context" is that which proceeds and follows any verse or set of verses. The "context" will affect the meaning of a verse or verses.

(5) "Words" mean something. What does the passage actually say? Do we read our own meaning or doctrine into a verse or do we listen to what the text actually says and draw out its meaning? Usually the Scriptures mean what they say and say what they mean. When someone writes you a letter do you change its meaning by reading into the letter mystical interpretations that do not even exist within the letter?

(6) What is the Apostle's doctrine? (Acts 2:42) that is, what teachings did the Apostle's bring forth when they wrote these letters? What message or warnings do they carry?

(7) Look for a revelation of God and Jesus Christ behind the Scriptures. Scripture is to be used in such a way that quoting or reading Scripture is understood to be the same as quoting or hearing from God. The message of Scripture involves communication of truth about God and a revelation of God Himself (Luke 24:27).

INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Read the entire Letter of 1 Peter several times before you come together as a group.

(2) In your group read aloud the chapter that you are about to study in a translation of your choice. As a group discuss the general content of that chapter.

(3) Read and discuss each verse or verses in the *King James Version* and *The Simplified King James Versions* (as well as additional translations of your choice) then stop and discuss.

(4) The facilitator of your Bible study discussion group is to ask the study questions to the group. Then discuss. (An 'Answer Key' to the Questions can be found at the end of this book).

I PETER

General Information: This is a letter to the Christians of Asia Minor. Written probably between 65 and 68 A.D. This Letter was written evidently at a time when the Christians throughout Asia Minor were suffering from false and malicious charges and threatened with persecution. Such hints of their sufferings as we get from the Letter (1 Peter 1:6-7; 2:12; 3:14-17; 3:16; 4:4,14; 4:12-19) fit in well with the accounts, derived from other sources, of the persecution of Christians that broke out under the Emperor Nero in 64 A.D., and spread to Roman Asia. The object of the Letter is to give encouragement in the face of impending persecution, and to convey the advice needed as to the conduct of Christians at an important crisis in the early history of the Church. Those to whom it is addressed probably included Christians of Gentile, as well as of Jewish, birth (1 Peter 1:21; 2:10; 3:6) (The Twentieth Century New Testament, p. 452).

1 Peter is the 60th book of the Bible. It contains 5 chapters, 105 verses and 2,482 words.

- FOR BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GROUPS - AND DISCIPLESHIP PURPOSES

**READ THE SMALL PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE ALOUD
FROM MULTIPLE TRANSLATIONS, DISCUSS
AND ASK THE QUESTIONS.**

***THE SIMPLIFIED
KING JAMES VERSION
AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM***

I PETER CHAPTER I

**1 PETER CHAPTER 1
VERSES 1-2**

.....> READ THE FOLLOWING:

1PE 1:[1] Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **[2]** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
(King James Version)

¹Peter [one of the 12 disciples of Jesus], **an apostle** [an ambassador] **of Jesus Christ** [the Anointed King and Messiah], **to the strangers scattered** [people away from their homes, living as foreigners in a land not their own, usually under persecution by being driven out of their land] **throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia**, [Asia Minor, now part of modern Turkey] **²Elect** [chosen] **according to the foreknowledge of God the Father** [God the Father knew them intimately], **through sanctification of the Spirit** [sanctified by the Spirit, that is, made holy and set apart unto God] **unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:** [The reference is probably to the making of the covenant in Ex. 24:7-8, where the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled on the people after they had promised obedience to the Lord. In this verse it is obedience to Jesus Christ, also called repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus – See Acts 20:21] **Grace unto you** [God's free and undeserved love], **and peace** [prosperity and well-being], **be multiplied.** **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

1 Peter, one of the 12 disciples of Jesus, an apostle an ambassador of Jesus the Christ (God's anointed King), to God's people away from their homes, living as foreigners in a land not their own, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (now part of modern Turkey), 2 Chosen long ago by God, sanctified, made holy and set apart to God by his Spirit, in obedience to Jesus Christ and the sprinkling by his blood. God's free and undeserved love, peace, prosperity and well-being be multiplied unto you. (The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in **a translation (s) of your choice.** Then stop and discuss.

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ANSWER THE STUDY QUESTIONS BY GOING TO THE APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURES. SOME QUESTIONS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER. AN ANSWER KEY IS SUPPLIED AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1. Peter is: a. an apostle of Jesus Christ. b. a messenger of Jesus Christ. c. an ambassador of Jesus Christ. d. one of the 12 disciples of Jesus e. all of the above.

2. Read 1 Peter 1:1. The apostle Peter is writing this letter to God's chosen people: a. living as foreigners. b. scattered all around several countries. c. living as refugees scattered throughout several provinces. d. all of the above.

3. Read 1 Peter 1:2. God the Father: a. chose us. b. gave us a destiny. c. sanctified us by His Spirit. d. called us to obey Jesus Christ. e. cleansed us by Christ's blood. f. all of the above.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1
VERSES 3-5

.....> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **[4]** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **[5]** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **(King James Version)**

³**Blessed** [praise] **be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy** [kindness and good will] **hath begotten us again** [we are born anew] **unto a lively hope** [a living expectation] **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** ⁴**To an inheritance** [what is given to one as a possession] **incorruptible** [not liable to corruption or decay, immortal], **and undefiled** [unsoiled], **and that fadeth not away** [eternal], **reserved in heaven for you,** ⁵**Who are kept by the power of God through faith** [by the means of faith] **unto** [until] **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time** [at the Last Day, the end of time – Christians of NT times lived in expectation of the Day (that is the time) when the present world with all its evil and wickedness would be brought to an end and Jesus would return to earth to judge all mankind, inaugurate a new age of peace, a new heaven and earth, and enter upon his Lordship over the whole world. The idea of the two ages had its origins in the OT. See Heb. 9:28; Matt. 13:36-43]. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

3 Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, kindness and goodwill, hath given us a new birth, a living hope and expectation by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** To an inheritance given us as a possession, not liable to corruption or decay, immortal, undefiled, and eternal, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through the means of faith, until *we receive* the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of this present evil age. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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4. Read 1 Peter 1:3. God is good, by raising Jesus from death He has given us: a. a new birth. b. a new life. c. a living hope. d. all of the above.

5. Read 1 Peter 1:4. God has reserved for his children: a. an inheritance. b. the priceless gift of eternal life. c. rich blessings. d. all of the above.

6. Read 1 Peter 1:5. You are guarded by the power of God operating through your faith, till you enter fully into the salvation revealed at the end of time. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1
VERSES 6-7

.....> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[6] Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: **[7]** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: **(King James Version)**

⁶Wherein ye greatly rejoice [in what is waiting for you], **though now for a season** [a short time], **if need be, ye are in heaviness** [to throw into sorrow and grief] **through manifold temptations** [various trials]: **⁷That the trial of your faith** [the proving or testing], **being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found** [proved genuine] **unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing** [manifestation or appearance] **of Jesus Christ:** **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

6 Wherein you greatly rejoice in what is waiting for you, though now for a short time, it may be necessary *that you endure* various trails, sorrow, and grief: **7** *Knowing this*, that the proving and testing of your faith, is much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tested with fire. May it be found and proved genuine, unto *the* praise, honor and glory of Jesus Christ at his appearing. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in **a translation (s) of your choice**. Then stop and discuss.

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7. Read 1 Peter 1:6. There is joy, even though the going is rough for a while down here. True or False.

8. Read 1 Peter 1:7. Trials prove the genuineness of your faith. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1
VERSES 8-9

.....> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[8] Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: **[9]** Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. **(King James Version)**

⁸**Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing [to place confidence in], ye rejoice [in triumph] with joy [gladness] unspeakable [beyond expression] and full of glory [praise and celebration]:**
⁹**Receiving the end of your faith [the end result of your faith], even the salvation of your souls [here, as in most places where the word is used, the biblical writer means “yourselves” or “your person”]. (The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

8 Although you have never seen *Jesus*, you love *him*; though now you see him not, yet believing and placing confidence in him, you rejoice in triumph, with unspeakable joy, gladness, praise and celebration - full of glory.: 9 The end result of your faith, is the salvation of your soul. (The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)

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9. **Read 1 Peter 1:8.** Although a believer has never seen Christ, they continue to believe and rejoice in Him. True or False.

10. **Read 1 Peter 1:9.** We are in the process of receiving the end result of our faith, total salvation. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1 VERSES 10-12

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[10] Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: [11] Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. [12] Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. (King James Version)

¹⁰**Of which salvation [Messianic salvation] the prophets [OT prophets] have enquired and searched diligently [to search out and investigate thoroughly], who prophesied [foretold] of the grace [the merciful kindness] *that should come unto you:***

¹¹**Searching what , or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify [seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating], when it testified beforehand [predicted] the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow [the suffering and then glorified Messiah] [Messiah means ‘The Anointed One’, because He would be anointed as Prophet, Priest and King. Messiah is a Hebrew word. The Greeks translated it as Christos, which was then**

shortened in English to Christ. It was used first as a title – Jesus the Christ]. ¹²**Unto whom it was revealed** [made known], **that not unto themselves** [the prophets], **but unto us** [the saints] **they did minister** [inform us of] **the** [these] **things, which are now reported** [proclaimed and announced] **unto you by them that have preached the gospel** [the good news and glad tidings] **unto you with** [or through] **the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into** [to inspect curiously]. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

10 Of which salvation the prophets of old searched out and investigated thoroughly. They prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. **11** Seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating. It was predicted and foretold that the Messiah must suffer and his glory should follow. **12** It was revealed and made known that this information was not for their time but for ours. It has been proclaimed and announced unto you by those who have preached the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; the angels curiously desire to inspect and look into these matters. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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11. Read 1 Peter 1:10. As to this salvation, the prophets prophesied: a. in the local church. b. in special revival meetings. c. of the grace that should come (God's gracious salvation).

12. Read 1 Peter 1:11. The Spirit of Christ was in the prophets, telling in advance about the sufferings of Christ and about the glory that would follow those sufferings. True or False.

13. Read 1 Peter 1:12. The prophets were told that what they were receiving (from God) was not for their time, but for ours. True or False.

14. Read 1 Peter 1:12. God's Good News is so glorious and amazing that even angels desire to learn all about it. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1 VERSE 13

::::::::::> READ THE FOLLOWING:

[13] Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (King James Version)

¹³**Wherefore gird up** [prepare] **the loins of your mind** [your way of thinking], **be**

sober [lit., to be free from the influence of intoxicants, that is, exercise self-control and free your minds of encumbrances] , **and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought** [set your hope on the grace that is coming] **unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ** [when Jesus Christ is revealed]; **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

13 Therefore prepare the way of your thinking, exercise self-control and free your minds of encumbrances, set your hope on the grace that is coming when Jesus Christ is revealed.**(The Simplified King James Version –paraphrased)**

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in **a translation (s) of your choice**. Then stop and discuss.

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15. Read 1 Peter 1:13. We should look forward to the special blessings and kindness of God that will be ours when Jesus Christ appears, that is, returns again. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1 VERSES 14-16

:::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[14] As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **[15]** But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **[16]** Because it is written, **BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY. (LEVITICUS 11:44-45; 19:2) (King James Version)**

¹⁴**As obedient children** [following the commands or guidance of God], **not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts** [the desires of the flesh before your salvation] **in your ignorance** [lack of knowledge of divine things and moral blindness]: ¹⁵**But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy** [set apart from sin to Him] **in all manner of conversation** [behavior and lifestyle]; ¹⁶**Because it is written, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY** [spiritually pure, moral perfection and perfect goodness] **(Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2). (The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

14 As obedient children, follow the commands and guidance of God, not fashioning yourselves with the desires of the flesh as before you were saved, for then you were in ignorance. **15** But as He which hath called you is holy, so set yourselves apart from sin unto Him. Let it reflect in all manner of lifestyle and behavior. **16** Because it is written, **BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY. (LEVITICUS 11:44-45; 19:2). (The Simplified King James Version –paraphrased)**

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16. Read 1 Peter 1:14. Be obedient children of God, instead of molding yourselves to the passions that once ruled you. True or False.

17. Read 1 Peter 1:15. In the same way that God is holy, we must now let Him help us to live a holy life. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1
VERSES 17-21

::::::::::> READ THE FOLLOWING:

[17] And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: **[18]** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **[19]** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **[20]** Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, **[21]** Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. **(King James Version)**

¹⁷**And if ye call on** [appeal unto] **the Father, who without respect of persons** [who is impartial] **judgeth** [to give an authoritative opinion and sentence] **according to every man's work** [deeds], **pass the time of your sojourning** [dwelling in a land not your own] **here in fear** [with reverence for God]: ¹⁸**Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed** [to liberate, to deliver from evils of every kind] **with corruptible things** [perishing things], **as silver and gold, from your vain conversation** [a manner of life without purpose] **received by tradition from your fathers** [handed down from one's ancestors]; ¹⁹**But with the precious** [of a great price] **blood** [shed blood] **of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot** [a sacrifice without spot or blemish]: ²⁰**Who verily was foreordained** [to decree before] **before the foundation of the world** [the universe, & the inhabiting of the earth], **but was manifest** [made known] **in these last times** [last days] **for you,** ²¹**Who by** [means of] **him** [the Messiah – Jesus] **do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory** [praise, honor, glory & majesty]; **that your faith and hope** [expectation of good] **might be in God.** **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

17 If you call on the Father, who impartially judges according to each man's deeds, conduct yourselves here on earth with reverent fear for God. **18** Knowing this, you were not liberated and delivered from evil with perishing things as silver and gold. Your vain manner of life that had no purpose was handed down from your ancestors. **19** *Remember this, your redemption was* with the precious shed blood of Christ, as a lamb sacrificed without spot or blemish: **20** God chose him for this *redeeming* task long before the creation of the world. He was made known in these last days to you. **21** By means of Him, the Messiah Jesus, you have believed in God that raised him from the

dead and gave him glory, praise and honor. Now your faith, hope and expectation of good are in God. **(The Simplified King James Version –paraphrased)**

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in a **translation (s) of your choice**. Then stop and discuss.

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18. Read 1 Peter 1:17. God will judge or reward according to what we do. True or False.

19. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. God redeemed us, that is, liberated and delivered us from all kinds of evil by: a. silver. b. gold. c. the precious blood of Jesus.

20. Read 1 Peter 1:20. It was decisively determined by God even before He made the world that Christ would be our Savior. True or False.

21. Read 1 Peter 1:21. Our faith and hope is based on what God has already done. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1 VERSES 22-23

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[22] Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

[23] Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **(King James Version)**

²²**Seeing ye have purified** [cleansed] **your souls** [hearts] **in obeying** [in obedience to] **the truth through** [or by] **the Spirit unto unfeigned** [sincere] **love of the brethren** [brothers and sisters], **see that ye love** [Gk. agapao] **one another with a pure** [clean & pure] **heart** [the center of all spiritual life] **fervently** [earnestly & intensely]: ²³**Being** [present tense] **born again** [metaph. To have one's heart changed so that he lives a new life and one conformed to the will of God], **not of corruptible** [perishing] **seed, but of incorruptible** [immortal], **by the word of God** [sayings of God], **which liveth and abideth** [to remain] **for ever.** **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

22 Seeing that your souls have been cleansed by obeying the truth by the Spirit's *help*, have a sincere love for your Christian brothers and sisters. Love one another with God's love that springs from a clean and pure heart. Love earnestly and intensely. **23** You have been born again, received a new heart and life that conforms you to the will of God. This was not by a perishing seed, but an immortal seed, the word of God that lives and remains forever. **(The Simplified King James Version –paraphrased)**

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in a **translation (s) of your choice**. Then stop and discuss.

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22. Read 1 Peter 1:22. Obedience to the truth through the power of the Holy Spirit, purified your hearts. True or False.

23. Read 1 Peter 1:23. You have been regenerated (born again) by the living word of God which will endure forever. True or False.

1 PETER CHAPTER 1 **VERSES 24-25**

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING:**

[24] For ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY: [25] BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER. (ISAIAH 40:6-8)
And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. **(King James Version)**

²⁴**FOR ALL FLESH** [all people] **IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY** [splendor, greatness & honor] **OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERETH** [turns brown & dies], **AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY** [falls to the ground & perishes, See 1 Jn. 2:17]: ²⁵**BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD** [that which is uttered, See Mt. 4:4] **ENDURETH FOR EVER** [remains & abides forever] **(Isaiah 40:6-8). And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.** [The fundamental idea is the telling of good news to people who have not heard. The content of this message was fixed in Apostolic teaching. It was the message and meaning of salvation brought about in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ summed up as follows: 'The age of fulfillment has dawned; this has taken place through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; Jesus, as Messiah, has been exalted to God's right hand; the Holy Spirit in the Church is the evidence of Christ's power and presence; Christ will return and bring in the New Age; therefore repent, receive forgiveness and the Holy Spirit and the promise of salvation.' (C.H. Dodd). These ideas are usually present whenever 'preaching' is spoken of in the apostolic writings.] **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

24 For all people are as grass, and all the splendor, greatness and honor of man is as a flower in the grass. The grass will soon turn brown and die, the flower will fall to the ground and perish. **25** But the word of the Lord remains and abides forever. The Word referred to is the good news that was preached and proclaimed to you. **(The Simplified King James Version –paraphrased)**

In addition to the King James and Simplified King James Versions you may also read this verse (s) in a **translation (s) of your choice**. Then stop and discuss.

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24. Read 1 Peter 1:24. Our earthly life is compared to: a. the universe. b. an oak tree. c. grass.

25. Read 1 Peter 1:24. The glory and splendor of man is compared to: a. fading flowers. b. a new car. c. Jesus Christ.

26. Read 1 Peter 1:25. Whatever the Lord has said will continue unchanged forever. True or False.

Again, read this chapter (1 Peter 1) in a translation of your choice (or in the Simplified King James Version – Paraphrased, at the end of this book) and as a group discuss its contents.

ANSWER KEY

(1 Peter Chapter 1)

Discover the answers by going to the appropriate Scriptures.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1. Peter is: a. an apostle of Jesus Christ. b. a messenger of Jesus Christ. c. an ambassador of Jesus Christ. d. one of the 12 disciples of Jesus e. all of the above.

2. Read 1 Peter 1:1. The apostle Peter is writing this letter to God's chosen people: a. living as foreigners. b. scattered all around several countries. c. living as refugees scattered throughout several provinces. d. all of the above.

3. Read 1 Peter 1:2. God the Father: a. chose us. b. gave us a destiny. c. sanctified us by His Spirit. d. called us to obey Jesus Christ. e. cleansed us by Christ's blood. f. all of the above.

4. Read 1 Peter 1:3. God is good, by raising Jesus from death He has given us: a. a new birth. b. a new life. c. a living hope. d. all of the above.

5. Read 1 Peter 1:4. God has reserved for his children: a. an inheritance. b. the priceless gift of eternal life. c. rich blessings. d. all of the above.

6. Read 1 Peter 1:5. You are guarded by the power of God operating through your faith, till you enter fully into the salvation revealed at the end of time. True or False.

7. **Read 1 Peter 1:6.** There is joy, even though the going is rough for a while down here. True or False.
8. **Read 1 Peter 1:7.** Trials prove the genuineness of your faith. True or False.
9. **Read 1 Peter 1:8.** Although a believer has never seen Christ, they continue to believe and rejoice in Him. True or False.
10. **Read 1 Peter 1:9.** We are in the process of receiving the end result of our faith, total salvation. True or False.
11. **Read 1 Peter 1:10.** As to this salvation, the prophets prophesied: a. in the local church. b. in special revival meetings. c. of the grace that should come (God's gracious salvation).
12. **Read 1 Peter 1:11.** The Spirit of Christ was in the prophets, telling in advance about the sufferings of Christ and about the glory that would follow those sufferings. True or False.
13. **Read 1 Peter 1:12.** The prophets were told that what they were receiving (from God) was not for their time, but for ours. True or False.
14. **Read 1 Peter 1:12.** God's Good News is so glorious and amazing that even angels desire to learn all about it. True or False.
15. **Read 1 Peter 1:13.** We should look forward to the special blessings and kindness of God that will be ours when Jesus Christ appears, that is, returns again. True or False.
16. **Read 1 Peter 1:14.** Be obedient children of God, instead of molding yourselves to the passions that once ruled you. True or False.
17. **Read 1 Peter 1:15.** In the same way that God is holy, we must now let Him help us to live a holy life. True or False.
18. **Read 1 Peter 1:17.** God will judge or reward according to what we do. True or False.
19. **Read 1 Peter 1:18-19.** God redeemed us, that is, liberated and delivered us from all kinds of evil by: a. silver. b. gold. c. the precious blood of Jesus.
20. **Read 1 Peter 1:20.** It was decisively determined by God even before He made the world that Christ would be our Savior. True or False.
21. **Read 1 Peter 1:21.** Our faith and hope is based on what God has already done. True or False.

22. Read 1 Peter 1:22. Obedience to the truth through the power of the Holy Spirit, purified your hearts. True or False.

23. Read 1 Peter 1:23. You have been regenerated (born again) by the living word of God which will endure forever. True or False.

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