

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.



For Discussion:

1. What is your favorite phrase within 1 Peter 1:3-5 and why?
2. What was most helpful to you and your understanding of salvation in our study?

1Pet. 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (NIV).

Who	The Father, Believers, Jesus Christ
What	An Inheritance
Where	In Heaven
When	At final salvation, at the end of time
Why	His great mercy
How	a LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ



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TWO LESSONS FOR OUR STUDY OF SALVATION

1. As a believer you have a new BIRTH and a living HOPE.
2. This living hope calls us to a HOLY life.

IN 1 PETER WE SEE . . .

1. SALVATION (1 Peter 1:1 - 2:10)
2. STRANGERS (1 Peter 2:11 - 4:11)
3. SUFFERING (1 Peter 4:12 - 5:14)

THE WRITER

1Pet. 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, . . .

Written down by Silas (5:13) from Babylon (Rome?).

1Pet. 5:12 With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you,

THE READERS

1Pet. 1:1 . . . To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, (This is modern-day Turkey)

1. This is the SECOND time that believers were scattered: first by the Jews (Saul/Paul); and now by the ROMAN Empire (Nero).
2. These were NEWER Jewish and Gentile believers, and their world was being rocked! But Peter reminded them that God had CHOSEN them and given them the Holy Spirit even while SCATTERED.

THE SCRIPTURES

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THE JEWISH BLESSING

1. Remember Peter was a JEW and was writing to MOSTLY Jewish people who had converted to JESUS the Messiah.
2. Jewish people start MANY prayers with ברוך אתה יי, אלוהינו (Baruch atah Adononai Elohenu . . .) which means “Blessed are you our God . . .”

NOTE: Peter's writing style is CLEAR and ORDERLY. It is easy to FOLLOW, learn and memorize. (Do you remember what he said about Paul's writings?)

2Pet. 3:16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

THE LIVING HOPE OF OUR SALVATION

I. WHO

- a. The FATHER — *Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1. This is a distinctly CHRISTIAN description. In the Old Testament God was called the Father of ISRAEL.

2. The writer of this letter was one of the FIRST to understand God the FATHER and Jesus the SON.

Matt. 16:16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

- b. BELIEVERS — *He has given us new birth.*

John 3:3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

1Pet. 1:23 For you have been born again, . . .

- c. JESUS CHRIST — *Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

— The resurrection is the KEY to everything! As Paul said, if it didn't happen, we are the biggest FOOLS.

1Cor. 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. . .
. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

II. WHAT

An INHERITANCE — *Into an Inheritance.*

Eph. 1:13 . . . When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

— It won't PERISH, or SPOIL, or FADE away.

Matt. 6: 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

III. WHERE

In HEAVEN — *Kept in heaven for you.*

1Pet. 1:4 . . . This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power . . .

Matt. 25:34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

IV. WHEN

- a. At final SALVATION — *Until the coming of salvation.*
- b. You have BEEN saved; you are BEING saved; you WILL be saved!

Rom. 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

2. At the end of TIME — *Ready to be revealed in the last time.*

V. WHY

His MERCY — *In His great mercy.*

Eph. 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

VI. HOW

HOPE — *A living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

— A DEAD Hope? — This life is ALL that matters. No future.

Eph. 2:12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Luke 24:21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

— A LIVING Hope — For ALL believers.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.