

A Study of The Epistle of 1st Peter

Theme: “A LIVING HOPE!”

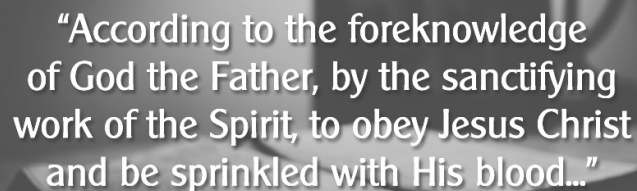
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Lesson: 2

Chapter 1:2-5

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“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...”

1 Peter 1:2

BIBLE TEXT:

(1) Peter, an apostle of **Jesus Christ**, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

(2) according to **the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:**

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

(3) Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!** According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to **a living hope** through **the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

(4) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

(5) who by **God's power** are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Luther on 1. Peter

This epistle St. Peter wrote to the converted heathen; he exhorts them to be steadfast in faith and to increase through all kinds of suffering and good works.

In chapter 1 he strengthens their faith through the divine promise and power of the salvation to come. He shows that this salvation has not been merited by us but was first proclaimed by the prophets. Therefore they ought now to live new and holy lives, and forget the old life, as those who have been born anew through the living and eternal Word of God.

In chapter 2 he teaches them to know Christ as the Head and the Cornerstone, and like true priests to sacrifice themselves to God as Christ sacrificed himself. And he sets about giving instructions to the various estates. First he teaches in general subjection to temporal rulership; afterward he teaches in particular that servants are to be subordinate to their masters and [even] to suffer wrong from them, for the sake of Christ who also suffered wrong for us.

In chapter 3 he teaches wives to be obedient, even to unbelieving husbands, and to adorn themselves with holiness. Likewise, husbands are to be patient with their wives and bear with them. And finally, all in general are to be humble and patient and kind to one another, as Christ was because of our sins.

In chapter 4 he teaches us to subdue the flesh with sobriety, watchfulness, temperance, prayer, and to find comfort and strength through the sufferings of Christ. He instructs the spiritual rulers to inculcate the words and works of God alone, and each to serve the other with his gifts; and not to be surprised but to rejoice, if we have to suffer for the name of Christ.

In chapter 5 he exhorts the bishops and priests as to how they are to live and to tend the people. He warns us against the devil, who without ceasing pursues us everywhere. (AE 35:390–91)



STUDY NOTES:

A. - according to **the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:**

(Ex 24:4-8; Is 52:15; Eph 1:4; Rom 8:29; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Thess 2:13; Heb 9:11-28)

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

(Jn 14:27; 20:19; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2)

B. - Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!** According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to **a living hope** through **the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

(Rom 5:2; Heb 3:6; 6:11-19; 7:19; 11:1)

C. - to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

(Acts 20:32; Rom 8:17; Col 1:5; 2 Tim 4:8)

D. - who by **God's power** are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

(2 Tim 1:9; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor 1:18; Rom 8:23,30; 13:11)

LIFE APPLICATION

1. How do grace and peace become multiplied to you?
2. Since he has caused us to be born again to a living hope, what ways can you actually live in that hope?
3. If you have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven, then why does this put your daily life into a new perspective?
4. You are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. When does this reality become a vital part of dealing with your weekly struggles?