

## 1 and 2 Peter L6 – Lessons 1-5 Study Summary

### Lesson 1 – 1 Peter 1:1-12                      Salvation – The Mystery is Unveiled to Humanity

- Q2, 3 – Through God’s grace, Christians are “born again” by the Holy Spirit. Per Romans 12, Christian minds are being renewed and transformed to discern God’s perfect Will. Per Galatians 2, Christians must die to their old lives (selves) and allow Jesus to live through them by faith.
- Q4, 5 – Christians have an imperishable heavenly inheritance being prepared for them by Jesus the Son and guarded by God the Father’s power. We inherit this only through faith.
- Q6, 7 – The primary outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls, and Jesus fills us with inexpressible joy. Peter adds that we face various tests in this life to prove the genuineness of our faith, which is of great value to God.
- Q8 – Jesus is NOT some kind of exalted angel. He is God the Son, the exact representation of the Father, radiating God’s full glory and nature to mankind. Jesus upholds the entire universe by the power of His Word, and the Father commands all the angels to worship Him.

### Lesson 2 – 1 Peter 1:13-25                      Ransomed --- To be Holy as God is Holy

- Q1 – We are commanded to fix our hope on God’s GRACE. Let confidence in forgiveness and acceptance see us through difficult times. Prepare our minds for action. Be alert! Know what to say and what to do --- and do it!
- Q2 – Holiness begins with obedience, and we must no longer conform to our thinking patterns and sinful passions before being saved. Holiness equates to Christlikeness, pure in motives and actions.
- Q3, 4 – Christians are to live as “exiles” in this world because our citizenship is in heaven. We don’t face the Great White Throne judgment for salvation, but we will face a judgment of rewards based on how well our Christian works and words built upon the salvation foundation of Jesus. These will be “tested” by God’s fire, and only what remains will be rewarded (1 Corinthians 3).
- Q5, 6 – Before the earth was created, the fall of mankind was foreknown to God. Jesus was chosen for the restoring act of redemption, doing what men and women could not do for themselves. It was a very high cost to the Father, but He did this out of His great love. We have been bought back!

### Lesson 3 – 1 Peter 2:1-12                      God’s People: A Chosen Race...A Holy Nation

- Q1-3 – Christians must put away relationship-killing, sinful behaviors and attitudes, and start nourishing themselves on God’s Word for truth and purity. “Practicing” (using) the scriptures also develops discernment between right and wrong. As Christians “grow up” on God’s Word, they should move into roles of leadership in church fellowships as teachers and mentors.
- Q5-7 – The New Testament labels Christians as a “royal priesthood,” with Jesus as both our High Priest and God’s Cornerstone. Everything about Christianity must align with Jesus Christ and His teachings. Unbelievers are “offended” that Jesus is the Cornerstone of Faith and the Church.
- Q8 – Once we were not a people, but now we are God’s possession, His chosen people. Belonging to God occurred when He showed mercy, grace and forgiveness in saving us!
- Q9 – We are NOT to live by the passions of our flesh, which war against our souls, but rather TO live honorably among non-believers (Gentiles) so that any accusations of “evil doing” are baseless. Instead, our conduct and good deeds should glorify God! This is why we declare the excellencies of God, because He has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (v.9)!

### Lesson 4 – 1 Peter 2:13-25                      Don’t be Overcome by Evil, but Overcome Evil with Good – Romans 12:21

- Q1-2 – Government brings structure (rules) to communities of people. Unless directed to sin (against biblical teachings), Christians are to support and obey these human institutions, and also to pay taxes in support. Here, Peter says government exists to arrest wrong-doers and allow good

