

1 Peter Study Guide

Chapter 2

Questions

1. Are there any unfamiliar words that should be defined? List them with definitions.
2. List any words you think you understand but might be helpful to double check.
3. List the repeated words or themes in this chapter.
4. What significance does this repetition imply?
5. Note the continuance of the end of chapter 1 into chapter 2. Peter uses the word “Wherefore” to connect the living, abiding, and enduring Word of God to the believers’ actions even under trial. Because the Bible always uses the “put off/ put on” method to create Biblical change, list the things to put off and the things to put on from 1:22-2:3.
6. What results when a believer “puts off” the natural response to suffering and “puts on” obedience to God’s Word as Peter notes in verse 2?
7. V. 3 How does the “taste of the Lord’s grace” lead us to desire the milk of His Word? How does this contrast with the idea of reading His Word because we are obligated to or to check it off the spiritual to do list?

8. V. 4-8 What words would God use to describe the spiritual sacrifices made in following Jesus? Take a moment to contrast God's descriptions with what unbelievers might say of those sacrifices.

9. V. 9-10 Strong's Exhaustive Concordance describes the word "chosen" as "select, and by implication, favorite." HELPS Word study highlights its as "chosen out of a personal preference—with intention." How does knowing you are intentionally wanted and seen by God help when faced with rejection and hatred by those who don't believe in God?

10. V.11-12 Note Peter's call to righteousness in light of a believer's identity in Christ. How does this contrast with the definition some have of grace that allows believers to live in any way they want?

11. In verse 12, from Strong's Concordance, what does the word "visitation" imply?

12. From verses 13-17, what is the will of God for the believer and what is the result of doing His will?

13. Meditate on the idea of submitting to God-given authority and write down what this might look like in practical application today.

14. Look up the word "maliciousness" in the Strong's Concordance on Bible Hub and note what you find. Particularly note the first cognate in HELPS Word-Studies. With this definition, does outwardly conforming while inwardly complaining fit Peter's instruction?

15. V. 18-20 What loopholes can you find in Scripture that allow for retaliation, disobedience, or rebellion? What does God call acceptable and thankworthy---literally a reason to give thanks for?

16. V. 21-25 Summarize why believers are both instructed and enabled to patiently suffer when they have done nothing wrong.
17. Write down your greatest personal take away from 1 Peter 2.
18. Write down as many practical applications the Holy Spirit brings to mind on what it would look like to follow Christ's steps...in your home...in the car...at work....in your friendships...etc.
19. Choose a verse or passage to memorize from this week's study for help in living out what the Holy Spirit challenged you to practically apply.