

1 Peter Study Guide

Chapter 1

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 in this chapter.
4. What significance does this repetition imply?
5. What does Peter liken trials of faith to?
6. When he says, “though it be tried by fire,” what event is Peter alluding to? (Hint: 1 Corinthians 3:13.)
7. As Peter describes the essence of faith in 1 Peter 1:8, cross reference other verses that fall under the word “having” in the Treasury of Scripture Knowledge. Which ones direct your focus to God’s perspective of trials?
8. What is 1 Peter 1:8 alluding to as a believer’s motivation for endurance through trials?
9. What do the angels desire to look into?

10. Summarize what Peter wanted the believers to understand about their suffering in verses 3-12 and the instruction he gives because of that knowledge in verses 13-16.

11. (Verse 13) Peter's illustration of girding up the loins pictures someone preparing to fight by moving hindrances out of the way. What are some things that could be set aside for a time as you prepare for a spiritual battle?

12. Because Peter specifically targets the mind in verse 13, what thoughts need to be moved out of the way to fight well? Describe what a sober way of thinking would look like.

13. (Verse 14-16) What significance does Peter's call to holiness imply, especially in the midst of suffering?

14. In verses 17-21 Peter reminds the believer of the precious blood of Christ and the resurrection. How does the hope of the Gospel affect daily life, even in suffering?

15. In verse 22, Peter assumes that obedience to the Spirit will result in what outcome? After drawing attention to this assumption, he then gives an intentional command for the believers to follow. How can intentionally loving others in suffering help us and others?

16. Peter's focus moves from loving others with a pure heart fervently back to the unchanging, living Word of God. Consider how holiness and intentionally loving others, even in suffering, reflects back to the truth of God's Word.

17. From what you already know about God's Word, how is it possible for a believer to suffer well in trial? Write down a verse(s) that would help a believer under trial remain faithful.

18. What thought stands out to you from this first chapter of 1 Peter?

19. Write down a testimony in your own life or in another believer's life that showcased God's grace in trial.