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This study uses the WISDOM acronym:

W – What is the main point, or key thought, and we work the issue

I – Investigate the scriptures. Study God’s word.

S – Seek counsel from other sources, voices and articles.

D – Develop a response. The best response is a written one because there is many a slip from the mind to the pen.

O - Openly discuss your study with others; this is especially valuable in a small group or learning community setting.

M - Move to action. This is where we apply what we have learned to our lives. It is in application that we find that God’s word is indeed living and active. And transformation occurs as the heart is impacted.

Please note: *This is a study guide, which means that you are responsible for your own interpretation of the Bible. We need to walk in the truth therefore: It’s you, the Holy Spirit and the Scripture in the interpretation process. Try not to relinquish your personal study to reading and repeating commentaries, check in with them as resource to make sure that your interpretation is not way off.*

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W [What is the issue] In reading the scripture the objective here is to determine the main point or points that Peter is trying to make.

Read *1 Peter 1:13 – 2:3*

Ask yourself questions while discovering the main points in this text:

Ask the Who What Why When Where and the So what [what difference does this make – or it’s the application question] questions to discover the main issue or issues that are in this text. Command to obey; doctrine to understand; life in the church to live out; and application (to myself) to apply.

Write down your questions...as you write clarity regarding the text of scripture will emerge.

Discuss how the story of the gospel is communicated in faith, hope and love.

Discuss Holiness and its implications to the believer and the church.

How does the truth of 1 Pet 1:17 impact your perspective on life.

Why does Peter call silver and gold as perishable things?

Connect the gospel with faith – hope & love.

Unpack the word “living” as used with hope and the word of God.

Growth and the word picture used in 1 Pet 2:2.

Main point(s): 1. Living for eternity while are current temporary residence is on the earth.
2. Living holy.
3. Living out faith, hope and love.
4. Growing in our salvation.

I Investigating Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13 – 2:3

1 Peter – An Overview.

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Major themes:

New perspective – 1 Pet 1:17b

New Hope – New Family – New Identity.

Realize that the real enemy is the Devil 1 Pet 5:8.

Faith: saving; growing; body of truth.

Hope: now; living; eternal

Love: for God; for one another; for the world.

1 Peter 1:13 – 17 – New perspective.

1:13 Therefore (2 Pet. 1:10,12; 3:14) provides the basis for the appeals that follow and these appeals are the result of what was just discussed.

"prepare your minds for action"

This is an aorist middle participle used as an imperative. Its form denotes that a decisive act of personal choice is required. This is a Hebrew idiom, literally “gird up the loins of your mind.” (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:17, 23).

1:15 – be holy: This is an emphasis on God's character and sovereignty (cf. 1 Pet. 2:9; 5:10).

be holy yourselves also - Believers are called to holiness. The destiny for believers is not only heaven when we die, but Christlikeness now (Rom. 8:29-30; 2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 1:4; 2:10; 4:13; 1 Thess. 3:13; 4:3,7; 5:23).

Jesus came not merely to pay the ransom for our sins, but to restore the image of God in fallen humanity.

We are called to holiness. God have mercy on us the American church immersed in our culture and desiring in cash, comfort and convenience.

1 Peter 1:18 – 20 – New security.

1; 18 – 20. Our saving grace comes from God and by God. The comment that is worth considering is that silver and gold are perishable and temporal as compared to the spotless, unblemished lamb whose precious blood saved us eternally and securely. The lamb is Jesus and the truth in scripture that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin (Heb 9:27).

1 Peter 1:21 – 2:3 – New pathway.

Faith: saving; growing; and body of truth. (Eph 2:8-10)

Hope: now; living; and eternal. (1 Peter 1:3b-4)

Love: for God; for one another; for the world. (Jn 13:34,35).

With the Living Word of God as our foundation and source. (2 Pet 2:2).

S Consult other sources

From Vines Dictionary

Holiness, Holy:

akin to A, Nos. 1 and 2, which are from the same root as hagnos (found in hazo, "to venerate"), fundamentally signifies "separated" (among the Greeks, dedicated to the gods), and hence, in Scripture in its moral and spiritual significance, separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God, sacred.

(a) It is predicted of God (as the absolutely "Holy" One, in His purity, majesty and glory): of the Father, e.g., Luk 1:49; Jhn 17:11; 1Pe 1:15,16; Rev 4:8; 6:10; of the Son, e.g., Luk 1:35; Act 3:14; 4:27,30; 1Jo 2:20; of the Spirit, e.g., Mat 1:18 and frequently in all the Gospels, Acts, Romans, 1 and 2 Cor., Eph., 1 Thess.; also in 2Ti 1:14; Tts 3:5; 1Pe 1:12; 2Pe 1:21; Jud 1:20.

(b) It is used of men and things (see below) in so far as they are devoted to God. Indeed the quality, as attributed to God, is often presented in a way which involves Divine demands upon the conduct of believers. These are called hagioi, "saints," i.e., "sanctified" or "holy" ones.

Thus sainthood is not an attainment, it is a state into which God in grace calls men; yet believers are called to sanctify themselves (consistently with their calling, 2Ti 1:9), cleansing themselves from all defilement, forsaking sin, living a "holy" manner of life, 1Pe 1:15; 2Pe 3:11, and experiencing fellowship with God in His holiness. The saints are thus figuratively spoken of as "a holy temple," 1Cr 3:17 (a local church); Eph 2:21 (the whole Church), cp. Eph 5:27; "a holy priesthood," 1Pe 2:5; "a holy nation," 1Pe 2:9.

"It is evident that hagios and its kindred words... express something more and higher than hieros, sacred, outwardly associated with God;... something more than semnos, worthy, honorable; something more than hagnos, pure, free from defilement. Hagios is... more comprehensive... It is characteristically godlikeness" (G.B. Stevens, in Hastings' Bib. Dic.).

The adjective is also used of the outer part of the tabernacle, Hbr 9:2 (RV, "the holy place"); of the inner sanctuary, Hbr 9:3, RV, "the Holy of Holies;" Hbr 9:24, "a holy place," RV; Hbr 9:25 (plural), of the presence of God in heaven, where there are not two compartments as in the Tabernacle, all being "the holy place;" Hbr 9:8, 12 (neuter plural); Hbr 10:19, "the holy place," RV (AV, "the holiest," neut. plural), see SANCTUARY; of the city of Jerusalem, Rev 11:2; its temple, Act 6:13; of the faith, Jud 1:20; of the greetings of saints, 1Cr 16:20; of angels, e.g., Mar 8:38; of apostles and prophets, Eph 3:5; of the future heavenly Jerusalem, Rev 21:2, 10; 22:19.

Holy in the New Testament

Jesus is holy because He is of God and like God (cf. Luke 1:35; 4:34; Acts 3:14; 4:27,30; Rev. 3:7). He is the Holy and Righteous One (cf. Acts 3:14; 22:14). Jesus is holy because He is sinless (cf. John 8:46; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet. 1:19; 2:22; 1 John 3:5).

Because God is holy (cf. John 17:11; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; Rev. 4:8; 6:10), His children are to be holy (cf. Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7,26; Matt. 5:48; 1 Pet. 1:16). Because Jesus is holy, His followers are to be holy (cf. Rom. 8:28-29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 1:4; 1 Thess. 3:13; 4:3; 1 Pet. 1:15). Christians are saved to serve in Christlikeness (holiness).

D[develop your response] This where we do our personal study and develop our personal response.

As we work the main point from scripture, look at Scripture and interact with other voices. We write down our response. Realize the value of writing – I realize that this is difficult but when we put on paper our thoughts the greatest connection between head and heart occurs.

Use the questions in work the issue and in the openly discuss section and also come up with some of your own.

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O [openly discuss] After we have our written response this is where we interact with our community or connect group and learn from one another. Share openly and honestly what our Lord has taught you from scripture. Your understanding may change as a result of your discussion with others. Let the Holy Spirit lead and be open to learn from one another. It is an amazing experience as the Spirit of the Lord shows up in our discussion and lives are touched and changed.

M [Move to action.] Apply God’s word to your life, this where transformation occurs as the Spirit of God moves in your life and you respond to His prompting. This is where the heart connects with the head and the hands. Without application we will gain knowledge and remember what the apostle Paul says, ‘Knowledge puffs up but love builds up.’

My personal application: {write it down and share it with someone who will hold you accountable}.

An application to ponder:

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