

STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE OF FIRST PETER

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Tabernacle of Praise – Pastor G. Richardson

Lesson #1

1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1. **Stranger and pilgrim just passing through the land. (Strangers to the world)**

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2. **But not Strangers to the House of God.**

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

(Verse #2)

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1. **Elect Means Chosen:**

Deu 7:6 For thou *art* a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

2. **Through the sanctification of the Spirit,** (A State of Purity) unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the

beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

(Verse #3)

1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Unto a lively hope - The word lively we now use commonly in the sense of active, animated, quick; the word used here, however, means living, in contradistinction from that which is dead. The hope which they had, had living power. It was not cold, inoperative, dead.

(Verse #4)

1Pe 1:4 To an **inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled**, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Pe 1:4 -

To an inheritance - Through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus we now cherish the hope of that future inheritance in heaven.

incorruptible; it is free from corruption in itself; nor can it be corrupted by others, by moth, or rust, or other things, as gold, silver, and garments may, which are a part of earthly inheritances.

Undefiled - Nothing impure can enter it; it not only has no principles or seeds of dissolution in itself, but it can never admit any; therefore its deterioration is impossible.

Fadeth not away - It cannot wither, it is always in bloom;

Reserved in heaven – Reserved in heaven for “US” Such a place as that described above is not to be expected on earth.

(Verse #5)

1Pe 1:5 Who are **kept** by the **power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:5 -

Who are kept – (Guarded for Glory): Who are defended as in a fortress or castle. There is a remarkable correspondence between the two verbs used in this sentence:

the verb **τηρεω**, signifies to keep, watch, guard; and **τηρησις**, is a place of custody or prison. And **φρουρεω**, from **φρουρος**, a sentinel, signifies to keep as under a military guard. See on [Gal](#)

By the power of God - *Ev δυναμει Θεου*· By the mighty and miracle-working power of God.

Ready to be revealed - Or rather, Prepared to be revealed. The inheritance is prepared for you.

2Co 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(Verse #6-7)

1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

greatly rejoice — “exult with joy”: “are exuberantly glad.”

Though now for a season - *Ολιγον αρτι*· A little while yet - during your pilgrimage here below, which is but a point when compared with eternity.

if need be — “if it be God’s will that it should be so”

ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations

Sometimes there is a kind of necessity that the followers of God should be afflicted; when they have no trials they are apt to get careless, and when they have secular prosperity they are likely to become worldly-minded.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire

1Pe 1:7 -
Aim of the “temptations.”

trial — testing, proving. That your *faith so proved* “may be found (aorist; *once for all*, as the result of its being proved on the judgment-day) unto (eventuating in) praise,” etc., namely, the praise to be bestowed by the Judge.

than that of gold — rather, “than gold.”

though — “which perisheth, YET is tried with fire.” If gold, though perishing ([1Pe 1:18](#)), is yet tried with fire in order to remove dross and test its genuineness, how much more does your faith, which shall never perish, need to pass through a fiery trial to remove whatever is defective, and to test its genuineness and full value?

glory — “Honor” is not so strong as “glory.” As “praise” is in *words*, so “honor” is in deeds: *honorary reward*.

appearing — Translate as in [1Pe 1:13](#), “revelation.” At Christ’s revelation shall take place also the revelation of the sons of God

(Verse #8)

1Pe 1:8 **Whom having not seen**, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1. **It is a walk by faith:**

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

(Verse #9)

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

1Pe 1:9 -

Receiving the end of your faith - Ye are put in possession of the salvation of your souls, which was the thing presented to your faith, when ye were called by the Gospel of Christ. Your faith has had a proper issue, and has been crowned with a proper recompense. The word *τελος*, end, is often used so as to imply the issue or reward of any labor or action.

(Verse #10-12)

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1Pe 1:10 -

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired - The incarnation and suffering of Jesus Christ, and the redemption procured by him for mankind,