**"THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER" CHAP 1 BIBLE STUDIES HOME**

 **Chapter One**

**OBJECTIVES IN STUDYING THIS CHAPTER**

1) To consider terms used by Peter to describe the people of God:

 "Pilgrims of the Dispersion", "elect", "obedient children"

2) To reflect upon the salvation, inheritance, and grace to come at the

 revelation of Jesus Christ

3) To note how we have been served by prophets, apostles, angels, the

 Holy Spirit, and Christ

4) To be reminded of the need to live holy lives, conducted with

 reverence toward God and with fervent and sincere love toward

 brethren. (SOME OF THIS WAS DISSCUSSED LAST NIGHT AT BIBLE STUDIES IN FTL.

**SUMMARY**

Peter begins his first epistle to Christians in Asia Minor by

acknowledging their election according to God's foreknowledge, made

possible by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, and for obedience and

sprinkling by the blood of Jesus (**1-2**).

He then praises God for their living hope, incorruptible inheritance,

and glorious salvation to be revealed at the coming of Christ. Despite

grievous trials, the power of God and their genuine faith protects them

and gives them inexpressible joy. Their salvation to come was foretold

by the prophets, and preached in the gospel by those inspired by the

Holy Spirit (**3-12**).

In view of this salvation, Peter prescribes conduct becoming the people

of God. They are to focus their mind and hope on the grace that will

brought to them at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient

children, they should conduct themselves in holiness and fear, imitating

their holy Father who judges without partiality, ever mindful they have

been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ through whom their faith

and hope are in God. They are to love one another fervently with pure

hearts, since they have purified their souls for that very purpose

through their obedience to the truth, and have been born again by the

incorruptible Word of God which lives and abides forever (**13-25**).

**OUTLINE**

**I. INTRODUCTION (1-2)**

 **A. THE AUTHOR (1a)**

 1. Peter

 2. An apostle of Jesus Christ

 **B. THE RECIPIENTS (1b-2b)**

 1. Pilgrims of the Dispersion….a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion: pilgrims to the Holy Land.

 2. WHERE? In Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia AND US!!

 3. Elect….. (SPECIALLY chosen)...

 a. According to the foreknowledge of God the Father (called of God!)

 b. In sanctification of the Spirit (those who live sanctified lives)

 c. For obedience and sprinkling of blood of Jesus Christ

 **C. GREETINGS (2c)**

 1. Grace and peace

 2. Be multiplied

**II. OUR SALVATION IN CHRIST (3-12)**

 **A. BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE (3-5) (it’s the reason why we serve him)**

 1. Because of God's abundant mercy…(**UN-MERRITED FAVOR**)

 2. Because Jesus has been raised from the dead (this is our hope)

 3. Because of our wonderful inheritance IS…..

 a. Incorruptible, undefiled, and that does not fade away

 b. Reserved in heaven

 4. Because of being safely kept

 a. By the power of God through faith

 b. For salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

 **B. PRODUCING JOY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING (6-9)**

 1. Great joy is ours, though for a little while we are grieved

 by various trials and temptations.

 2. The genuineness of faith tested by fire

 a. Proving that it is more precious than gold that perishes

 b. May be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation

 of Jesus Christ

 3. Rejoicing with joy inexpressible and full of glory

 a. For loving Him whom you have not seen.. How does this work!!

 b. For believing Him whom you have not seen… How does this work!!

 4. Receiving the end of such faith - the salvation of your souls

 **C. SERVED BY PROPHETS AND APOSTLES (10-12)**

 1. Regarding our salvation the prophets inquired and searched

 Diligently…and for them it remained a mystery of God!!!

 a. Wondering what and when the Spirit of Christ in them was

 indicating

 b. When He testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and

 the glories to follow

 2. They were ministering such things not to themselves, but to us

 a. Things now reported by those who preached the gospel by the

 Holy Spirit

 b. All these Things which angels desire to look into

**III. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY IN CHRIST ARE THE FOLLOWING…. (13-25)**

 **A. HOLY CONDUCT (13-21)**

 1. **Gird up the loins of your mind**

 a. Be sober

 b. Rest your hope fully upon the grace to be brought at the

 revelation of Jesus Christ

 2. **Be holy in all your conduct**

 a. As obedient children

 b. Not conforming to former lusts done in ignorance

 c. As He who called you is holy, just as it is written

 3. **Conduct yourselves during your stay in fear**

 a. Since you call on the Father who judges each one without

 partiality

 b. Knowing that you are redeemed

 1) Not with corruptible things like silver and gold

 2) From your aimless conduct received by tradition from your

 fathers

 3) With the precious blood of Christ

 a) As of a lamb without blemish and without spot

 b) Foreordained before the foundation of the world

 c) Manifest in these last times for you

 d) Through whom you believe in God

 1] Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory

 2] So that your faith and hope are in God

 **B. OUR LIVES SHOULD BE FERVENT AND IN PURE LOVE (22-25)**

 1. **Since you have purified your souls**

 a. In obeying the truth through the Spirit

 b. In sincere love of the brethren

 2. **Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but**

 **incorruptible**

 a. Through the word of God which lives and abide forever

 1) All flesh is as grass, all the glory of man as the flower

 of the grass

 2) The grass withers, its flower falls away

 3) The word of the Lord endures forever

 b. The word which by the gospel was preached to you