

Sunday School Lesson

May 7, 2023

A Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3-12

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Questions for Us Today

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Who have you encouraged lately?

Who has encouraged you?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand why and how Peter wrote this letter to early Christian believers in various locations.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Peter

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

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5. Remember This

Points of Information – Peter

Peter's first name was actually Simon. Jesus gave him the surname "Peter" after the word for a stone or a rock: Greek = "petros." John 1:42.

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After Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah (the Christ), our Savior stated: **"Upon this rock I will build my church."** Matthew 16:16, 18.

Points of Information – Peter

Jesus recruited Peter and his brother (Andrew) as they were out fishing with their father (Jona/Jonah). Matthew 4:18-19; Mark 1:16-17. Peter became a leading member of the original Twelve Disciples.

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Peter, along with John and James, was a member of an inner circle of the original Twelve Disciples.

Points of Information – Peter

Peter was impulsive early in his discipleship. At one point, in a wayward move to protect Jesus, Peter grabbed a sword and cut off the ear of one of the men (Malchus) who had come to arrest our Savior in the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 26:51; Luke 22:50; John 18:10.

Points of Information – Peter

Peter grew and matured. He preached a powerful sermon on the historic Day of the Pentecost. Acts 2:14-41.

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Peter found that the Gospel was not to be only for the Jews, but given to the Gentiles as well. He proclaimed the impartiality of the Lord by saying "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism." Acts 10:34 (NIV).

Points of Information – Peter

It is believed that Peter was crucified (upside down, since he felt unworthy to be executed exactly as Jesus was) in Rome around A.D. 67. Jesus foretold Peter's death in John 21:18-19 and Peter acknowledged this in one of his letters, 2 Peter 1:14.

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Lesson Context - 1

When Peter wrote this letter, he was no longer the young and impulsive Disciple. Now, he was a mature elder for the early Christian believers.

Here, Peter has provided reassurances and guidance to the early Christians who have scattered (diaspora) and had their beliefs challenged.

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Lesson Context - 2

In the first two Verses of this letter, Peter introduced himself and described his audience.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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1 Peter 1:3-6

Hope Through Salvation

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:4-5

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in Heaven for you,

who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:6

**In all this you greatly rejoice,
though now for a little while you
may have had to suffer grief in all
kinds of trials.**

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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1 Peter 1:7-12

Triumphant Victory

1 Peter 1:7

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:10-11

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care,

trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

1 Peter 1:12

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the Gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from Heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Remember this:

**No matter what we go through, we
have a living hope through Our
Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus!**

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