

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 1:5-9 Lesson #2

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Peter before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.

5 Who are KEPT by the POWER of GOD through faith for salvation ready to be REVEALED in the LAST TIME.

- **Philippians 4:7** “And the peace of _____, which surpasses all understanding, shall _____ your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus.”
- **I Peter 4:13** “But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His _____ is _____, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”
- **John 17:11-12** “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, _____ through Your _____ those whom You have _____ Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I _____ them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have _____; and _____ of them is _____ except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

Definition: “Who are KEPT by the POWER of GOD” – God the Father has chosen us and has **GIVEN us to Jesus**, NOT according to any goodness or works of our own, so **He is able also to KEEP** (guard, preserve) us and prevent ANY PERSON or THING from separating us from Himself. It is NOT WE OURSELVES who HOLD ONTO GOD, but **GOD who HOLDS ONTO US. NOTHING can separate us from God** and His love if we are His child through faith in Jesus Christ. God has made a **PROMISE that He will COMPLETE His work in our lives.** No one, not even Satan, can take you out of God the Father’s hand. Some people are so worried and fearful of losing their salvation, **AS IF their salvation depended on themselves!** It does NOT depend on you. It is God Himself who is holding you carefully, yet firmly and securely in His hand, and NO ONE or NO THING can separate you from Almighty God!

• **John 10:27-29** “My Sheep _____ My _____, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them _____ life, and they shall _____ perish; neither shall anyone _____ them out of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to Me, is greater than all; and _____ is able to snatch them out of My _____ hand.”

• **John 6:39-40** “This is the _____ of the _____ who sent Me, that of all He has _____ Me I should _____, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him, may have _____ life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

• **Romans 8:38-39** “For I am persuaded that neither _____ nor _____, nor _____ nor principalities (demons), nor _____, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor _____ other created thing, shall be able to _____ us from the _____ of _____ which is in Christ _____ our Lord.”

• **Philippians 1:6** “Being _____ of this very thing, that He who has _____ a good _____ in you will _____ it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Definition: “Ready to be REVEALED in the LAST TIME” – “The Last time” or “Last Days” refers to the time when Jesus will return to this earth in power and glory. **God’s full plan of salvation for the entire creation will be REVEALED at that time.** When Jesus returns, we will RULE and REIGN with Him.

When the whole church of Jesus Christ is gathered in heaven, we will receive our rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will partake of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and **we will be REVEALED** to all of CREATION as being the high point and CULMINATION of God's grace.

• **Romans 8:18-19** "For I consider that the sufferings of this _____ time are not worthy to be compared with the _____ which shall be _____ in us. For the earnest expectation of the _____ eagerly waits for the _____ of the sons of God."

• **Colossians 3:4** "When Christ who is our life _____, then _____ also will _____ with Him in _____."

• **Luke 17:30** "Even so will it be in the _____ when the Son of Man is _____."

• **II Thessalonians 1:7** "And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is _____ from _____ with His mighty _____."

• **I Thessalonians 3:13** "So that He may establish your hearts _____ in _____ before our God and Father at the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His _____."

• **I Corinthians 6:2-3** "Do you not know that the _____ will _____ the _____? And if the world will be _____ by _____, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that _____ shall judge _____? How much more things that pertain to this life?"

• **Ephesians 2:6-7** "And has raised us up together, and has made us to _____ together in _____ places _____ Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come, He might _____ the exceeding riches of His _____ in His kindness towards _____ in Christ Jesus."

• **Jude 24** "Now to Him who is able to _____ you from _____, and to _____ you _____ before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior...."

• **Revelation 19:6-9** "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let _____ be _____ and _____ and give Him _____, for the _____ of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the _____ acts of the _____. Then he said to me, 'Write: '_____ are those who are called to the marriage _____ of the _____!' And he said to me, 'These are the true sayings of God.'"

6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, **you have been GRIEVED by various TRIALS**, that the genuineness of your **FAITH, being much more PRECIOUS than GOLD** that perishes, **though it is TESTED by FIRE**, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

• **James 1:2-3** "My _____, count it all _____ when you fall into various _____, knowing that the _____ of your _____ produces _____."

• **Acts 5:41** "So they departed from the presence of the council, _____ that they were counted worthy to _____ shame for His name."

• **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have _____. In the world you shall have _____ (troubles, afflictions, trials): but be of good _____; I have _____ the _____."

Definition: “VARIOUS TRIALS” and “TESTED by FIRE” — Peter was writing to the early church, which was experiencing a time of persecution and trials. **“Testing” means to qualify or prove** by way of being put through certain conditions or procedures, in order to determine the quality or character of something. Precious metals, such as **gold and silver, are “tested by fire”** in that they are melted down so that impurities can be filtered out. **“Trial” means a tryout or experiment to test the quality,** value or usefulness of something. Machines and automobiles are put through “stress tests” to determine their strength. When Peter says, **“you have been GRIEVED by various TRIALS”** he is referring to the difficult times of persecution that the Believers in Jesus Christ were going through. The reason God allows His saints to go through these times of persecution and suffering is because **we are strengthened in our FAITH, and we develop PATIENCE and other godly virtues as we are tried and tested.**

•**Matthew 5:10-12** “_____ are those who are _____ for righteousness _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed (happy) are you when they revile and _____ you, and _____ all kinds of _____ against you falsely for My _____. _____ and be exceedingly _____, for great is your _____ in heaven, for so they _____ the prophets who were before you.”

•**James 1:12** “Blessed is the man who _____ temptation (testing); for when he has been _____, he will receive the _____ of _____ which the Lord has promised to those who _____ Him.”

•**Isaiah 48:10** "Behold, I have _____ you, but not as _____; I have _____ you in the furnace of _____."

•**Job 23:10** "But He knows the way I take; when He has _____ me, I shall come forth as _____."

•**Job 5:17** “Behold, _____ is the man whom God _____; therefore do not despise the chastening (discipline) of the _____.”

•**Proverbs 3:11-12** “My son, do not despise the _____ of the Lord, nor detest His _____; for whom the Lord _____ He _____, just as a father the son in whom he delights.”

•**I Corinthians 10:13** “No _____ has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but _____ is _____, who will not _____ you to be _____ beyond what you are able, but with the _____ will also make the _____ of _____, that you may be able to bear it.”

Definition: “Blessed is the man who ENDURES TEMPTATION – The word “temptation” in this context means **testing**, although resisting the temptation to sin can be a part of our testing that God allows in our lives. Usually, these times of “testing” include going through trials, tribulations, afflictions, and sometimes persecution or sickness. **Even Jesus was tempted by Satan**, but He did not give in to the temptation, so He did not sin in any way. Jesus was the sinless Son of God - He was not being **tested by the devil** because of any sin in His life. There are times when we must go through some kind of testing or trials, the “storms of life” so to speak, but it is not necessarily because there is some sin God is purging out of our lives. Some testings are just to teach us obedience and to trust in and depend on our Lord no matter what. They are to prepare us for service, a training course or “boot camp”, as we become “soldiers of Christ”. Even Jesus, God in the flesh, had to be “perfected” **through suffering in order to learn obedience**, because these were things He could not learn in the perfect environment of heaven (see Phil. 2:8).

•**I Peter 4:12** “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the _____ which is to _____ you, as though some strange thing happened to you.”

•**Matthew 4:1-3** "Then _____ was _____ up _____ the _____"

into the wilderness to be _____ by the _____. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the _____ came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

8 **Whom having NOT SEEN you LOVE.** Though now you do not see Him, yet **believing**, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

• **John 20:29** "And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My _____ and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have _____ Me, you have _____. Blessed are those who have not _____ and yet have _____."

• **Hebrews 11:1** "Now _____ is the substance of things hoped for, the _____ of things not _____."

Definition: "Because you have SEEN Me, you have BELIEVED" – True faith is to believe without having to see or feel something. Hebrews 11:1 says, that "faith is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (strong conviction) of **things not seen.**" In other words, it doesn't take any faith to believe in something if it is staring you right in the face.

• **II Corinthians 5:7** "For we walk by _____, not by _____."

9 Receiving the end of your faith – **the SALVATION of your SOULS.**

• **James 1:21** "Therefore lay aside all _____ and overflow of wickedness, and _____ with _____ the implanted _____, which is able to _____ your _____."

• **II Corinthians 7:1** "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse _____ from all _____ of the _____ and _____, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

• **II Peter 1:4** "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious _____, that through _____ you may be partakers of the _____ nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Definition: "The implanted WORD, which is able to SAVE your SOULS" – It is **the WORD of God** that is the seed which causes a person to be born of God and saved, but in this context, the phrase "save your souls" does not mean our initial **salvation and receiving eternal life** (although that is surely ours). In this context, where James is talking to "the Brethren", meaning those who are already Christians and "saved", it means **a RENEWING of our MINDS, as the mind is part of the SOUL.** We "receive the implanted word" every time we hear a sermon or Bible study, or read God's word on our own, if we really pay attention and receive His word "with meekness" (humility), which means a teachable spirit. We become partakers (take part in) God's nature as **we are transformed into the image of His Son Jesus Christ**, and this happens as our minds are renewed and "saved" by the word of God.

• **Romans 12:2** "And do not be conformed to this world, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____ that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

• **Romans 8:29** "For whom He foreknew, him He also predestinated (planned ahead) to be _____ to the _____ of His _____, that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren."