

# “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."