

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 1:10-13 Lesson #3

\*\*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.

10-11 Of this salvation **the PROPHETS have INQUIRED and SEARCHED diligently**, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, **the SPIRIT of CHRIST who was IN THEM** was indicating **when HE TESTIFIED beforehand the SUFFERINGS of CHRIST** and the glories that would follow.

• **Acts 3:18-26** “But those things which God \_\_\_\_\_ by the mouth of all His \_\_\_\_\_, that the \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was \_\_\_\_\_ to you \_\_\_\_\_, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of all His holy \_\_\_\_\_ since the world \_\_\_\_\_. For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a \_\_\_\_\_ like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that \_\_\_\_\_ shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ Yes, and all the \_\_\_\_\_, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have \_\_\_\_\_, have also \_\_\_\_\_ these days. You are sons of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ To you first, God, having raised up His Servant \_\_\_\_\_, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

• **John 1:45** “The following day \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found \_\_\_\_\_ of whom \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and also the \_\_\_\_\_, wrote — \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

• **Ephesians 4:30** “And do not grieve the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, by whom you were \_\_\_\_\_ for the day of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **John 14:16-17** “And I will pray (ask) the Father, and He will give you another \_\_\_\_\_, that He may \_\_\_\_\_ with you forever, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees \_\_\_\_\_ nor knows \_\_\_\_\_; but you know Him, for He \_\_\_\_\_ with you, and will be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “When HE TESTIFIED beforehand the SUFFERINGS of CHRIST”** – God prophesied in His word of the coming One, the Redeemer or Messiah, from the very beginning, after Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3:15). God used Moses and many other prophets during the time of the Old Testament, and they foretold (told what would happen in the future) of the Coming One. When I Peter 1:10-11 says, **“The PROPHETS have INQUIRED and SEARCHED diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you”** it means that if a person **diligently searched God’s word**, the Scriptures of the Old Testament, they could see a picture of who, when and what God would do in bringing the coming Messiah to save His people from their sins and from Satan. In fact, the prophecy in Genesis 3:15 is speaking **directly to Satan**, as God says His Coming One (the “seed of the woman” - referring to Jesus’ virgin birth) would give a death blow to Satan (“bruise his head”), while

Satan would only give a temporary wound to the Christ (“bruise His heel”). Other Old Testament Scriptures, such as Psalm 22:16-18, foretold the crucifixion and **suffering of Christ**.

• **Luke 24:27** “And beginning at \_\_\_\_\_ and all the \_\_\_\_\_, He expounded to them in all the \_\_\_\_\_ the things concerning \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Genesis 3:15** “And I will put enmity (hatred) between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your \_\_\_\_\_ and her \_\_\_\_\_; He (Christ) shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

• **Psalm 22:16-18** “For dogs have \_\_\_\_\_ Me; the assembly of the wicked has enclosed Me. They \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They \_\_\_\_\_ My garments among them, and for My clothing they \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “The SPIRIT of CHRIST who was IN THEM”** — The “Spirit of Christ” is another name for the Holy Spirit, along with “Spirit of God,” “Spirit of Truth,” “Spirit of the Lord” and “Helper.” Notice how the Holy Spirit is called both the “Spirit of **God**” and the “Spirit of **Christ**.” These names are used interchangeably, which is just one of many ways that **the Bible teaches there is ONE GOD**, who exists in **THREE PERSONS**: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

• **II Corinthians 3:17** “Now the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_; and where the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is, there is liberty.”

• **Ephesians 3:17-19** “That \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of \_\_\_\_\_ which passes knowledge; that you may be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 8:9** “But you are not in the flesh but in the \_\_\_\_\_, if indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ dwells in you. Now if anyone does \_\_\_\_\_ have the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, he is not His.”

• **I John 3:24** “Now he who keeps His commandments abides (dwells) in \_\_\_\_\_, and He \_\_\_\_\_ him. And by this we know that He \_\_\_\_\_ in us, by the \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has given us.”

**Definition: “HE IS NOT HIS”** — You cannot “be His” and belong to Jesus without the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. There is no such thing as a Christian who does not have the Holy Spirit living (dwelling) inside of him. **You CANNOT BE a Christian, you CANNOT BE SAVED, and NOT have the Holy Spirit IN YOU.**

However, there are various stages of **BEING FILLED with the Spirit**, or **CONTROLLED BY** the Spirit, and that is dependent on **HOW MUCH OF YOU** has been **yielded and surrendered to the Holy Spirit**. When you are **TRULY SURRENDERED** to the Holy Spirit, and are **ALLOWING Him to be in CONTROL of your life**, you will have **the EVIDENCE of the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** (Galatians 5:22-23).

• **I John 4:13-16** “By this we know that we \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, and He \_\_\_\_\_ us, because He has given us of His \_\_\_\_\_. (Verse 15) “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God \_\_\_\_\_ in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has for \_\_\_\_\_. God is love; and he who dwells in [God’s] love \_\_\_\_\_ in God, and God \_\_\_\_\_.”

12 To them **it was REVEALED that, NOT to THEMSELVES, but TO US** they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – **things which ANGELS DESIRE to LOOK INTO.**

• **Hebrews 1:13-14** “But to which of the \_\_\_\_\_ has He ever said, ‘Sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool?’ Are \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ ministering \_\_\_\_\_ sent forth to \_\_\_\_\_ for those who will inherit

\_\_\_\_\_?”

**Definition: “To them it was REVEALED that, NOT to THEMSELVES, but TO US they were ministering”** – This means that God let the prophets of the Old Testament **know that they were prophesying for us in the future, not just for themselves.** The prophets didn’t understand everything about the church, but only that there would be God’s people in the future, and their prophecies pertained to us.

• **Hebrews 11:39-40** “And \_\_\_\_\_ these (the Old Testament prophets), having obtained a good \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, did \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, God having provided something better for \_\_\_\_\_, that they should not be made perfect apart from \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Corinthians 1:20** “For \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Him (in Jesus) are \_\_\_\_\_, and in Him \_\_\_\_\_, to the glory of God through us.”

**Definition: “Things which ANGELS DESIRE to LOOK INTO”** – Who are angels, and what is their purpose according to the word of God? Angels are spirit beings created by God, and **THEY SERVE and PROTECT BELIEVERS IN CHRIST.** Also, **they are GOD’S MESSENGERS, but they DON’T PREACH the GOSPEL** (see Acts 10:3-7,22,30-32) **and they don’t UNDERSTAND the gospel from a personal point of view.** Why? Because the angels that serve God never sinned, so they don’t need a way to be saved. Therefore, it is hard for them to understand us, and they **“DESIRE to LOOK INTO” and understand the gospel and the way that God saves us poor, sinful human beings.** Notice in the Scriptures below, especially the ones in Acts, how **the angels rescue and protect Peter and the disciples,** but they don’t do the preaching of the gospel, they tell the disciples to do that.

• **Psalm 91:11-12** “For He shall give His \_\_\_\_\_ charge over \_\_\_\_\_, to keep (guard) you in all your ways. They shall \_\_\_\_\_ you up in their \_\_\_\_\_, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

• **Genesis 24:40** “But he said to me, ‘The \_\_\_\_\_, before whom I walk, will send His \_\_\_\_\_ with you and prosper your way (make your journey successful)...’”

• **Acts 12:7-11** “Now behold, an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ stood by him, and a light shone in the \_\_\_\_\_; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, ‘Arise quickly!’ And his chains fell off his hands. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ said to him, ‘Gird yourself and tie on your sandals,’ and so he did. And he said to him, ‘Put on your garment and follow \_\_\_\_\_.’ So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the \_\_\_\_\_ departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, ‘Now I know for certain that the \_\_\_\_\_ has sent His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me from the hand of Herod.’”

• **Acts 5:19-20** “But at night an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord opened the \_\_\_\_\_ doors and brought them out, and said, ‘Go stand in the temple and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_.’”

• **Acts 10:3, 22 & 32** “About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ coming in and saying to him, ‘Cornelius!’ (Verse 22) “And they said, ‘Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy \_\_\_\_\_ to summon \_\_\_\_\_ to his house, and to hear \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.’” (Verse 32) “Send therefore to Joppa, and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

13 Therefore **GIRD up the LOINS of your MIND, be SOBER**, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you **at the REVELATION of Jesus Christ**.

• **II Thessalonians 1:7-9** “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do NOT \_\_\_\_\_ God, and on those who do NOT \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ destruction [away] from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

• **Ephesians 6:14** “\_\_\_\_\_, therefore, having \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, having put on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.”

• **I Peter 5:7-8** “Be \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_; because your adversary the \_\_\_\_\_ walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he \_\_\_\_\_ devour. \_\_\_\_\_ him, steadfast in the faith....”

**Definition: “GIRD up the LOINS of your MIND, be SOBER” – “GIRD up your LOINS** is an expression of speech which means something like, “roll up your sleeves and get to work.” In Bible times, men wore long, flowing cloaks, and if they had to get to work, they would “**gird up their loins**” or **TIE UP the garment around their waist**, so that it wouldn’t get in the way. When Peter uses this to describe **our MINDS, he means for us to GET RID of ANYTHING that WOULD GET in the WAY of right and GODLY thinking**. It’s like GIRDING YOUR WAIST with the “**BELT OF TRUTH**” in Ephesians 6:14. The soldier’s belt was a WIDE BELT on which hung all the weapons of the Roman soldier. In our lives, if we do not **SOLIDLY KNOW God’s TRUTH**, the weapons will not work — everything will fall to pieces. When it says, “**Be SOBER**” it’s not just talking about not being drunk or high on drugs, but “**sober thinking**” means **SERIOUS thinking, GUARDING your thoughts**, and not being **MENTALLY LAZY**.

• **II Corinthians 10:3-5** “.....the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (merely human), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down \_\_\_\_\_, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I John 5:18** “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin (constant, habitual sin); but he who has been born of God \_\_\_\_\_ (GUARDS) himself, and the \_\_\_\_\_ one does not \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

**Definition: “At the REVELATION of Jesus Christ”** — This is referring to the Second Coming of **Jesus Christ**, when He returns to this earth and is **REVEALED to the whole human population of the earth for who He truly is, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords**.

• **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 \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **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 \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Titus 2:13** “Looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ and glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of our great God and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.”

• **I John 3:2** “Beloved, now we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and it has not yet been revealed what \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ (in the future), but we know that when He is \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”