

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 4:5-8 Lesson #15

****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.

5-6 They will give an account to **Him who is ready to JUDGE the LIVING and the DEAD**. For this reason **the GOSPEL was PREACHED also to those who are DEAD**, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, **but LIVE according to God in the SPIRIT**.

• **John 5:24-25** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has _____ life, and shall _____ come into _____, but has _____ from _____ into _____.

Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the _____ will _____ the _____ of the _____ of _____; and those who _____ will _____.”

• **John 10:27-29** “My Sheep _____ My _____, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them _____ life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My _____ hand.”

• **I John 3:14** “We know that we have _____ from _____ to _____, because we _____ the brethren. He who does not love his brother (fellow Christian) abides in _____.”

Definition: “**The GOSPEL was PREACHED also to those who are DEAD**” – In this context, the word of God is speaking about those who are **SPIRITUALLY DEAD**, not **PHYSICALLY** dead. How do we know this? Because verse 6 says they will “**LIVE according to God in the SPIRIT**” even though they will be judged according to men in the flesh. What does that mean? It means that many people will **JUDGE us Christians as though we were still the OLD person we were before we were saved** and born again. They just don’t understand how we can be a **NEW CREATION** in Christ.

• **Colossians 2:13** “And you, being _____ in your _____ and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He made _____ together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”

Definition: “**The DEAD will HEAR the VOICE of the SON of GOD**” — When a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and is born again, they receive eternal life (**EVERLASTING LIFE**), and are actually **PASSED from DEATH into LIFE**. The Bible says that we are all **DEAD in our sins** (spiritually dead) and also that **we are in Satan’s kingdom BEFORE** we accept Christ. God “translates” or **TRANSFERS** us from Satan’s kingdom into Christ’s kingdom when we are born again, and **we are MADE ALIVE** by the Holy Spirit.

• **Acts 26:18** “To open their eyes and to _____ them from _____ to light, and from the power of _____ to _____.”

• **Colossians 1:12-14** “Giving thanks to the Father who has _____ us to be partakers of the _____ of the saints in _____; He has _____ us from the power (kingdom) of _____ and _____ us into the kingdom of the _____ of His _____.”

• **Ephesians 2:1-2 & 4-6** “And you *He made alive*, who were _____ in trespasses and _____, in which you once walked according to the course (system) of this world, according to the _____ of the power of the air (Satan), the _____

who now _____ in the sons (children) of disobedience.” (Verses 4-5) “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were _____ in trespasses, has made us _____ together with _____ (by grace you have been saved).”

Definition: “Him who is ready to JUDGE the LIVING and the DEAD” – Okay, now we are talking about the DEAD who will be resurrected and will stand before God and Jesus Christ to be JUDGED.

• **John 5:28-29** “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which _____ who are in the _____ will hear His voice and come forth — those who have done good, to the _____ of _____, and those who have done evil, to the _____ of _____.”

• **Revelation 20:11-15** “Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the _____, small and great, standing before _____, and books were opened. And _____ book was _____, which is the _____ of _____. And the _____ were _____ according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead [*bodies*] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were _____, each one according to his works. Then death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And anyone who was _____ found written in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “ALL WHO are in the GRAVES” — This is different than John 5:25 which says “the DEAD will hear His voice.” Verse 25 is speaking of those who are ALIVE PHYSICALLY, but are SPIRITUALLY DEAD. Now, He is talking about **those who are PHYSICALLY DEAD** and their bodies are in the grave. The Bible sometimes refers to death as being “asleep,” but **it is NEVER a SOUL SLEEP**. Only **the physical BODY is “asleep”** and waiting to be AWAKENED at the resurrection. The SOULS of the people have already gone on either to be with God, if they were saved, or for the UNSAVED, to await the JUDGMENT and be thrown into hell.

• **I Thessalonians 4:14 & 16-17** (Verse 14) “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will **bring** [*the souls from heaven*] with Him [*of*] those who _____ in Jesus.” (Verses 16-17) “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet of God. And the _____ in _____ will rise first. Then _____ who are alive and remain shall be _____ up together with them in the _____ to meet the _____ in the air. And thus we shall _____ be with the Lord.”

• **Daniel 12:1b-2** “.....and at that time your people, _____ who is found _____ in the _____, will be rescued. And many of those who _____ in the dust of the _____ will _____, these to _____ life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting _____.”

Definition: “THOSE WHO HAVE DONE GOOD” — Wait a minute! I thought salvation was by **GRACE** through **FAITH**, and NOT of **WORKS**? **What is “GOOD” in the sight of God**, and what is it that **we MUST DO to be SAVED** and have a part in the **RESURRECTION to LIFE**? The only “good work” that we can do to obtain salvation is **the “work” of BELIEVING in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord**.

• **Acts 16:30-31** “And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what _____ I _____ to be _____? So they said, ‘_____ on the Lord _____, and you will be _____, you and your household.’”

• **John 6:28-29** “Then they said to Him, ‘_____ shall we _____, that we may _____ the _____ of God?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the _____ of (that is pleasing to) God, that you _____ in _____ whom He _____.’”

• **Romans 16:25-26** “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my _____ and the preaching of _____, according to the _____ of the _____ which was kept _____ since the world began, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made _____ to all nations, according to the _____ of the everlasting God, for _____ to the _____.”

• **Hebrews 9:14** “How much more shall the _____ of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your conscience from _____ works to _____ the living God?”

• **Romans 8:8** “So then, those who are _____ the _____ CANNOT _____ God.”

Definition: “CANNOT PLEASE GOD” and “DEAD WORKS” — These two are basically the same: **DEAD WORKS** are **religious works** or **good deeds** done in the **power of the FLESH**, and a person who is **operating in their FLESH**, and not in FAITH and the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT, **CANNOT DO ANYTHING** that will be **pleasing to God**. This applies BOTH to those who are **not born again** (therefore they are “of the flesh” only), and to those Christians who do so-called good deeds with carnal and selfish motives.

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

• **Ephesians 6:18** “_____ always with all _____ and supplication in the _____, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints”

• **Matthew 26:41** “_____ and _____, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit (OUR spirit) indeed is willing, but the flesh is _____.”

• **Luke 21:34-36** “But take heed to yourselves, lest your _____ be weighed down with carousing (partying), _____, and _____ of this _____, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. _____, therefore, and _____ always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

• **Colossians 4:2-4** “Continue _____ in _____, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile _____ also for me that God would open to us a door for the _____, to _____ the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Definition: “Continue EARNESTLY in PRAYER” – To CONTINUE in prayer speaks to its duration - praying ALL the TIME. “EARNESTLY” speaks to the sincerity of our prayers - how much it means to us. “SUPPLICATION” means prayer that is HUMBLE and **EARNEST (Fervent prayer with deep, sincere emotion or feeling - sometimes even with TEARS)**.

• **James 5:16** “Confess your trespasses one to another, and _____ for one another that you may be _____. The _____, _____ prayer of a righteous man avails (accomplishes) much.”

• **I Timothy 2:1** “Therefore I exhort first of all that _____, _____, intercessions and _____ of _____, be made on

behalf of all men."

• **Philippians 4:6-7** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by _____ and _____, with _____, let your _____ be made known to God; and the _____ of _____, which surpasses all understanding, will _____ your _____ and minds through Christ Jesus."

8 And above all things **have FERVENT LOVE for ONE ANOTHER**, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

• **Romans 13:8-10** "Owe no man anything except to _____ one another, for he who _____ another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, 'You shall _____ your _____ as _____.' _____ does no harm to a neighbor; therefore _____ is the fulfillment of the law."

• **Matthew 22:36-40** "'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall _____ the _____ your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall _____ your _____ as _____. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'"

• **John 15:12 & 17** "This is My commandment, that you _____ one another as I have _____ you." "These things I command you, that you _____ one another."

• **I John 2:7 & 3:11** "Brethren, I write _____ new _____ to you, but an old _____ which you have had from the _____. The _____ commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning." (Verse 3:11) "For this is the message that you heard from the _____, that we should _____ one another."

• **I John 3:23** "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and _____ one _____, just as He commanded us."

• **I Timothy 1:5** "But the goal of our commandment is _____ from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

Definition: "Will SAVE a SOUL from DEATH and COVER a MULTITUDE of SINS" - The death referred to here is a physical death, not eternal death in hell. **If you are able to help a BROTHER or SISTER in Christ to turn his or her life around and walk away from sin, you may SAVE that brother or sister from an early physical death due to the consequences of their sin, or perhaps even the Lord taking them "home to heaven" early** (see I John 5:16). To "cover a multitude of sins" means that a lot of sin that might have been committed if this person had continued on in his rebellion against God, will now not even be committed, because the person has repented. Also, out of LOVE for that brother or sister, we do not SPREAD GOSSIP and tell everyone what they've done, but **we COVER their sin by keeping it between ourselves and God**. If you see someone sinning, bring it up to God, and pray for that person, rather than telling others by gossiping.

• **I John 5:16** "If anyone sees his brother _____ a _____ which does _____ lead to _____, he will ask [God], and He will give him _____ for those who commit sin _____ leading to _____. There is _____ leading to _____. I do not say that he should pray about that."

• **I Corinthians 13:4-5** "_____ suffers long and is _____; love does not envy; _____ does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does _____ behave _____, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil...."