

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 5:10-14 Lesson #19

**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 But may the God of all grace, **who CALLED us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, AFTER you have SUFFERED a WHILE, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.**

• **Romans 9:11 & 23-24** “For the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the _____ of God according to election (His choice) might stand, not of _____ but of Him who _____...” (Verses 23-24)

“And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of _____, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even _____ whom He _____, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.”

• **II Timothy 1:9** “Who has _____ us and _____ us with a holy _____, not according to our _____, but according to His own _____ and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.”

Definition: “Who CALLED us to His eternal GLORY by Christ Jesus” – The word of God uses “called” and “chosen” and “elect” interchangeably, although the word “called” can sometimes just mean to be invited, such as invited to a banquet or wedding (see John 2:2 - King James Version says “called” and New King James Version says “invited”). **If you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you were CALLED or INVITED to come into relationship with God, and to enter His kingdom.**

This is a stronger word than just being invited, though, as **God has CHOSEN us to be His children**, and He will pursue us in this life until we give up trying to run away from Him, and finally surrender to His will. This is very comforting, as it gives us assurance that we belong to God, and nothing can keep us away or take us away from Him.

• **Ephesians 1:3-6** “Blessed be the _____ and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places _____; just as He _____ us in Him _____ the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having _____ us to adoption as sons (children) by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”

Definition: “CHOSE US IN HIM before the foundation of the world” — This means God chose us and our names are written in the Book of Life of JESUS, the LAMB of GOD, before we ever accepted Christ, before we were born, and even before God created the world. In Ephesians 1:5 it is called “being **PREDESTINED**” and in **I Peter 1:2** it is called being **ELECT**. Not only has God CHOSEN US before the world existed, but He KNEW (foreknowledge) how He would save us through the death of His own Son, before He even created man or before man sinned. Notice how in I Peter 1:2 all three persons of the Godhead are involved in our salvation. The Holy Spirit seems to do the work of sanctifying, but it is by the blood of Jesus, and all according to the Father’s plan from all eternity.

• **I Peter 1:2** “_____ according to the foreknowledge of _____ the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”

• **Revelation 13:8** “And all who dwell on the earth will worship him (the anti-Christ), whose names have _____ been written in the _____ of _____ of the _____ which was slain from the _____ of the world.”

• **John 6: 44** “No one can come to Me unless the _____ who _____ Me _____ him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

• **John 15:16** Jesus said, “You have _____ chosen Me, but I have _____”

you, and ordained you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain....”

• **John 6:65** “And He said, ‘Therefore I have said to you, that no one can come unto Me unless it has been _____ to him _____ My _____.’”

• **John 6:37** “All that the Father _____ Me will _____ to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

• **Jeremiah 1:5** “_____ I formed you in the _____, I knew you, and before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you and I _____ you to be a prophet unto the nations.”

Definition: “After you have SUFFERED a WHILE, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you”

– Peter is again speaking to the Christians who are suffering and being persecuted for their faith in Christ. This first letter that Peter wrote to the churches was written during a time of much persecution from the Roman government, and many Christians were even suffering death as martyrs for their faith. For those who did not die, but were still suffering greatly, Peter reminds them that God will do His work of **“perfecting, establishing, strengthening, and settling”** them as part of His process of making Believers mature and strong in their faith (“established and strengthened”), HOLY (“perfected”), and giving them His PEACE and comfort (“SETTLED”).

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

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

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

• **Romans 5:3-4** “And not only that, but we also glory in _____, knowing that tribulation produces _____; and _____, character; and character, hope.”

Definition: “VARIOUS TRIALS and TESTINGS” — “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. “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 if they will hold up under severe conditions. **God sometimes allows us to be tested to strengthen us** and help us to be able to overcome even more difficult conditions.

• **1 Peter 1:7** “That the genuineness of your _____, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is _____ by _____, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

• **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.”

11 To Him be the **GLORY and the DOMINION forever and ever.** Amen.

• **1 Chronicles 29:10-13** “Therefore David _____ the _____ before all the congregation; and David said: ‘_____ are You, Lord God of Israel, our _____, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord is the _____, the _____ and the _____, the victory and the _____;’

for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the _____, O Lord, and you are exalted as _____ over _____. Both riches and honor come from You, and you _____ over all. In Your hand is _____ and might; in Your hand is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and _____ Your glorious name.”

Definition: “To Him be the GLORY and the DOMINION forever and ever” – This is a way of praising and worshiping God by saying that **to God alone belongs all GLORY and DOMINION** (rule and reign of His kingdom), and just acknowledging **who God is and how great and mighty He is.**

• **Matthew 6:9-13** “In this manner, therefore, _____: Our _____ in heaven, hallowed be our name. Your _____ come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For _____ is the _____ and the _____ and the _____ forever. Amen”

12 **By Silvanus, our faithful brother** as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that **this is the TRUE GRACE of God** in which you stand.

• **Ephesians 2:4-9** “But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ (by _____ are you saved), and has raised us up together, and has made us to sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His _____ in His kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that _____ of _____, it is the _____ of God; not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Definition: “By Silvanus, our faithful brother” – Silvanus was the Greek name for Silas, one of Paul’s partners in his missionary journeys. At this time, it seems Silas is working with the apostle Peter and helping him write this letter. Peter would be dictating to Silas what to write, and the Holy Spirit was the One telling Peter what to write, because ALL Scripture was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

• **II Peter 1:20-21** “Knowing this first, that _____ prophecy of _____ is of any private interpretation, for prophecy _____ came by the will of _____, but holy _____ of _____ spoke as they were _____ by the _____.”

• **II Timothy 3:15-16** “And that from a child you have known the holy _____, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All _____ is _____ by _____ of _____, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

13 **She who is in Babylon**, elect together with you, greets you; and **so does Mark my son.**

• **Colossians 4:10** “Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with _____ the _____ of _____ (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him).”

• **Acts 12:12** “So, when he had considered this, he came to the _____ of Mary, the _____ of _____ whose surname was _____, where many were gathered together praying.”

Definition: “She who is in Babylon” – The “she” here refers to a **CHURCH in the city of Babylon** there in the Middle East, on the Euphrates River. Some Bible scholars think Peter is referring to a

church in Rome, and that the name “Babylon” is used to show how evil and wicked the city of Rome really was (sort of like someone referring to Las Vegas as “Sin City”). However, other Bible scholars believe Peter is talking about the actual **city of Babylon, because there were still many Jews there** from the Jewish captivity many years before, and there was probably a church there made up of mostly believing Jews. After the Israelites’ captivity in Babylon, which God said would last for seventy years, not all of the Jews returned to Israel, but many stayed in Babylon.

● **II Chronicles 36:20-21** “And those who escaped from the sword he _____ away to _____, where they became servants to him (the king of Babylon) and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the _____ of the _____ spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land (of Israel) had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill _____ years.”

Definition: “So does MARK my son” – Mark was not Peter’s son by blood relation, but his “son in the Lord”, and actually was a cousin or nephew of Barnabas. It’s very interesting, and also encouraging, to follow the story of Mark (also called Marcus or John Mark) through the New Testament.

It is a story of one who was a FAILURE and yet later made up for it, and did WELL in serving God. Mark was a very young man who made a mistake early on in his ministry with the Apostle Paul. **He had ABANDONED Paul and Barnabas on one of their missionary trips, and had just wanted to go back home.** Paul was not willing to give him a second chance at that time, but Barnabas was. Paul and Barnabas even got into an argument over Mark, and split up what had been their ministry together. Barnabas took Mark on several missionary trips with himself, and we see how Mark matured and grew in his faith, and overcame his earlier mistake. **Later, Paul mentions Mark as being “useful to me for the ministry”**, so obviously Paul had forgiven him by then. Mark later wrote the gospel of Mark, probably with the help of Peter.

● **Acts 12:25** “And _____ and Saul (Paul) returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also _____ with _____ John whose surname was _____.”

● **Acts 15:36-40** “Then after some days _____ said to _____, ‘Let us now go back and _____ our _____ in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.’ Now _____ was _____ to take with them John called _____. But Paul _____ that they should _____ take with them the _____ who had _____ from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so _____ took _____ and sailed to Cyprus; but _____ chose _____ and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.”

● **II Timothy 4:11** “Only _____ is with me. Get _____ and bring him with you, for he is _____ to _____ for _____.”

14 **Greet one another with a kiss of love.** Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

● **I Thessalonians 5:25-26** “Brethren, pray for us. Greet all the _____ with a holy _____.”

● **II Corinthians 13:12-13** “Greet one another with a _____ _____ All the _____ greet you.”

Definition: “Greet one another with a KISS of LOVE” – In the Middle Eastern countries, even today, it is common for men to kiss each other on the cheek as a greeting. This is the kind of kiss it is referring to, and in those days, it probably did not include men kissing women.