



Faith Missionary Baptist Church



BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

April 21-22, 2020

LESSON 1

1 Peter 1:1-25

Your Faith Is More Precious Than Gold

OVERVIEW OF 1PETER

I. Who Was Peter?

- A disciple of Christ-later an Apostle

II. What kind of man was Peter?

- Before Pentecost-Impulsive, fearful, prejudice
- After Pentecost: Bold, fearless, teachable, humble
- Peter was a Jew
- A fisherman by trade

III. Who Was He Writing To?

- The elect scattered throughout Asia Minor
- Both Jew and Gentile Christians
- Churches established by Paul

IV. Why Did James Write?

- To encourage and strengthen the believers in Christ during persecution
- To feed the flock of God the word of God.

V. What Is The Basic Content?

- **Key word**-“Suffering” - Occurs 15 or more times
- **Key Text:** Chapter 4:1
“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.”
- **Central Theme:** Victory over suffering as demonstrated in the life of Christ.

VI. Number Facts About The Book of Peter

- 60th Book of the Bible
- Contains: 5 chapters, 105 verses, 482 words.
- Contains 4 questions
- Contains 92 verses of history
- Contains 3 verses of fulfilled prophecies
- Contains 10 verses of unfulfilled prophecy.

INTRODUCTION

All products that we use from cosmetics, to toiletries, to cars and many others must be tested. The reason the manufacturers put the products to a test is to determine if they will hold up under adverse conditions. Can the product past the test? Our faith is no exception. Our faith in God must go through the fire of pain and affliction. Fire is an excellent analogy to compare faith to. Fire purifies. When your faith goes through the fires of affliction it is purified. Can your faith withstand persecution? Can your faith withstand financial hardships? Can your faith withstand Satanic attacks? Many Christians have a faith like bacon which shrinks when it is put in the pan. Will your faith shrink under problems and pressure? There is a song entitled, O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink which goes like this:

O for a faith that will not shrink Tho pressed by many foe,
That will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe;
That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Will lean upon its God;

In today’s lesson we are going to take a close look at possessing a faith that is tested in the fire and comes out still shining like gold.

1st Reading-1 Peter 1:1-2.....Peter’s Identity And Mission

- A. Peter, an apostle (sent one) of Jesus Christ
- B. Mission: writing to the strangers scattered throughout: Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, Bithynia
- C. Elect (Highly chosen above all)
- D. Foreknowledge of God the Father, (Know beforehand)
- E. Through sanctification of the Spirit (Sanctification=being set apart for God’s special purpose)
- F. Unto obedience
- G. Sprinkling of the blood of Christ
- H. Benediction: Grace or favor unto you, peace, be multiplied

2nd Reading- 1 Peter 1:3-5,.....*The Christians Identity And Spiritual Benefits*

- A. Praise be to God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- B. He birthed us by his abundant mercy
- C. Birthed us again unto a lively hope(expectation for the future)
- D. Hope came by Jesus resurrection from the dead.
- E. To an inheritance *incorruptible, undefiled, fades not away, reserved in heaven for you*
- F. Kept by the power of God
- G. Through faith unto salvation
- H. Ready to be revealed in the last time

3rd Reading- 1 Peter 1:6-8,.....*Your Faith Is More Precious Than Gold*

- A. *You rejoice although in heaviness many(tribulation)*
- B. Purpose: That your faith will be tested by the fire of trouble
- C. Your faith will be commended with honour and glory when Jesus returns
- D. Rejoice although you have not seen Christ
- E. Your joy is unspeakable, full of *glory*.

4th Reading 1 Peter 1:9-12, *Enjoy Now The Outcome of Your Faith*

- A. *Focus on the outcome of your faith-salvation*
- B. Compare to James 1:3
- C. The salvation of your souls
- D. The prophets foretold to you God's grace
- E. The Spirit was in the prophets foretold Christ's suffering
- F. The prophets searched to know Christ
- G. The prophet's message was for your edification

5th Reading 1 Peter. 1:13-15:-.....*Be Alert And Think Clearly*

- A. *Look forward to God's future grace to you when Christ returns*
- B. Behave like obedient children.
- C. Don't be controlled by your fleshly lusts
- D. Be holy for God is holy-(*Imitation of the father as his children*)

6th Reading-1 Peter 1:16-19,.....*The Call To Holiness*

- A. *God demands holiness because he is holy*
- B. You say God is your father
- C. God does not have favorites.
- D. God judges all people by what they do
- E. You must honour God while you live as strangers.
- F. God rescued you from your past
- G. You were rescued not be silver or gold but the precious blood of Christ
- H. As a spotless lamb(Perfect sacrifice)

7th Reading-1 Peter 1:20-21,.....*God's Plan Before The World Began*

- A. Jesus was chosen before the world was created.
- B. He did not come until the last days as appointed by God
- C. Jesus came to lead you to have faith in God
- D. God raised Jesus from the dead
- E. God honoured him in a glorious way

8th Reading-1 Peter 1:22-23,.....*Purified By Obeving The Truth*

- A. You obeyed the truth and were made pure.
- B. Love each other
- C. Keep on loving
- D. *God has given you new birth (Born again)*

9th Reading-1 Peter 1:24-25,.....*The Word of The Lord Is Permanent*

- A. Scripture says, "Humans wither like grass
- B. Our glory fades like wild flowers
- C. Grass dries up
- D. Flowers fall to the ground
- E. The word of the Lord will stand forever. (See Isaiah 40:8)

Spiritual Application: Apply This Lesson To Your Life Today

1. Christians have a sure, safe and solid faith in the Lord Jesus.
2. Passing a test produces a testimony.
3. Christians must get rooted and grounded in God's word to prepare for the fiery trial.
4. Jesus is our champion for overcoming suffering.
5. Suffering is vital to your growth as a Christian.
6. _____
7. _____

MEMORY VERSE: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:" 1 Peter 1:7

