

The First Epistle of Peter

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

Today we bring out our magnifying glass and begin to look more closely at the introductory section of Peter's first letter – **1:1-2:10**. This section can be divided into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with it. Jot down or type out your the answers and file them together with your morning study.

Read 1 Peter 1:1-12

- ☞ Why did Peter praise God? (**1:3-4**).
- ☞ How are Christians shielded until the coming of the salvation to be revealed in the last time? (**1:5**).
- ☞ Why were Peter's readers suffering grief in all kinds of trials? (**1:6-7**).
- ☞ Why were his readers filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy? (**1:8-9**).
- ☞ What was it that both the Old Testament prophets and the angels longed to look into? (**1:10-12**).

Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

- ☞ What were Peter's readers encouraged to set their hope fully on? (**1:13**).
- ☞ What did Peter command his readers *not* to conform to? (**1:14**).
- ☞ Who did Peter command his readers to conform to? (**1:15**).
- ☞ Where was the faith and hope of Peter's readers placed? (**1:21**).
- ☞ How had his readers purified themselves? (**1:22**).
- ☞ Since they had purified themselves, what should they now do? (**1:22; 2:1-2**).

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10

- ☞ Peter describes Christ as the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God. Why do you think he now calls his readers living stones? (**2:4-5**).
- ☞ Why did some people stumble over the living Stone? (**2:8**).
- ☞ What made Peter's readers different from those in **2:8**? (**2:9-10**).
- ☞ What word is repeated right throughout this section? (**1:5; 1:9; 1:10; 2:2**).

Memory Verse

But just as he who called you is holy,
so be holy in all you do; for it is written:
“Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its “address” (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear “reference tag.”
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!