

1. How is the writer addressing himself?

2. How are the recipients addressed (3)?

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3. Now in this letter, there will be attention to that which is passing/transitive and that which is lasting/enduring. As you go through this letter, be sure to list those items that are temporary on the left and those that last on the right.

4. Now find a map in the back of your Bible and find the areas listed in v. 1. What are those areas called today?

5. These people were elect according to what?

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6. What/Who sanctifies them (sets them apart)?

 7. Now consider that what sets you apart to the world (no answer necessary here).

 8. What did God (sanctify) set the people apart for?

 9. So are these recipients Christians?

 10. According to God's abundant mercy, what has He done?

 11. They have been born again unto what?

 12. How were we born again?

 13. Then we can learn at least 5 things about our inheritance here. Notice that this will be one of the things that will end up on the "lasting" list. What are the 5 things?
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 14. Where is this inheritance?

 15. In what do we greatly rejoice?

 16. In v. 6, we read "if need be." What might be needed?

 17. What grieves us?
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18. What will these trails ultimately produce (3)? When (by the way, did you notice that there are “perishing” things, which means there are things that fit into the “passing” list)?

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19. Although they do not see Jesus right then, what causes their inexpressible joy?

20. What is the end of their faith?

21. Does it appear as if the prophets fully understood what they were prophesying about when they prophesied about the Messiah to come? Why or why not?

22. What aspects of the coming Messiah were they testifying of (2)?

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23. Who was in them testifying?

24. Besides the prophets, who else desires to look into these things?

25. In conclusion to that, we are given 3 commands in v. 13. What are they?

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26. There is something that God is that we are also called to be. What is it?

27. Then Leviticus 11 is quoted. What verse?

28. What does our Father judge and how?

29. How are we to conduct ourselves here on earth?

30. What were we not redeemed with (passing things)?
31. What were we redeemed with?
32. When was Jesus ordained to be the Perfect Lamb of God Who would bleed for mankind?
33. What 2 things do we see God did in v. 21?
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34. What have they placed in God (2)?
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35. How have they purified their souls?
36. How are we to love one another?
37. How do we obey the truth?
38. What are we not born again by?
39. By what/Who are we born again (notice the comparison of that which is passing to that which is lasting)?
40. From there, we have an example of what is passing versus that which is lasting. How long does the Word of the Lord endure?
41. What word was preached to them by the Gospel?

Application

- In light of the temporary state of this life, It is so comforting to know that the trials we face are temporary, and the Savior and ransom He paid for us is eternal! Do you have a difficult time remembering, in the midst of trials, the proper perspective of temporary vs. eternal?
- Pray that the Lord remind you of the temporary nature of your trials, and rejoice in the eternal salvation you possess by the blood of Jesus!

1. Since we are on the subject of having been born again, the call comes for us to grow. In order to do that, we must lay aside that which would stunt our growth. Listed here are 5 “growth stunters.” What are they?

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2. What are the recipients called here?

3. What should they do to grow?

4. What do you think the word “pure” refers to here, and how does that apply to your life?

5. This is assuming you have tasted what?

6. What is Jesus called here?

7. What was man’s response to Him?

8. How does the Father see Him (2)?

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9. What are the recipients likened to?

10. What is happening to them (2)?

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11. For what purpose?

12. Then, Peter begins quoting scripture. He quotes from Isaiah 28, Psalm 118, and Isaiah 8. What verses are quoted in those chapters?

13. Because unbelievers are disobedient to the Word, what happens?

14. In vs. 9-10, the recipients are called 5 things. What are they?

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15. What is their purpose in those roles?

16. What 2 things are the recipients called in v. 11?

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17. What can we expect Gentiles to call us?

18. What can we do to help bring the Gentiles to a place of glorifying God?

19. When?

20. Therefore, since God's visitation is soon, what are we to do for the Lord's sake?

21. What is God's will for us?

22. What are we not to do with our liberty?

23. How do we treat the following:
- a. All people:

 - b. The brotherhood:

 - c. God:

 - d. The king:
24. Now we have a direct address to servants. To whom are they to be submissive?
25. What does God find commendable?
26. What are we called to?
27. In what way are we to follow Jesus' steps?
28. V. 22 quotes Isaiah 53. Where?
29. Although v. 22 points out Jesus' total innocence, He was still reviled and suffered. As Jesus has left us an example of how to respond to such treatment, how did Jesus respond?
30. What does it tell us here that Jesus did with our sins, and why?
31. In this, the inference to Isaiah 53 is made. Where?
32. In v. 25, a third verse from Isaiah 53 is quoted. Which one?
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Application

- We see here a plea to have exemplary conduct in the midst of these trials. The result would be unbelievers glorifying God in the day of visitation. How awesome is that? In light of this, are you handling yourself well in the midst of trials? Is there steadfastness in your witness both in and out of trials?
- Pray for the submission and patience to suffer graciously, and remember the temporary nature of such suffering!

1. The first 2 words we read are “Wives, likewise.” Like what?

 2. How does a wife win her husband, Biblically?

 3. What does she win him to?

 4. What are the husbands to observe?

 5. What are women to adorn themselves with to make themselves beautiful in the sight of God?

 6. What does God call very precious (note: it’s the only thing that is called very precious in Scripture)?

 7. Who else used to adorn themselves with these “decorations?”

 8. If wives do this, what will they be called, according to this text?

 9. What must they *not* be?

 10. Husbands, it’s your turn! The first 2 words we read in v. 7 are “Husbands, likewise.” Like what?

 11. What are they to do with understanding?

 12. What are they to give honor to?

 13. What are they to see their wives as?
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14. Note that grace is giving what you don't deserve. What are the husband and the wife getting that they don't deserve?

 15. Husbands, what happens if you are not performing these things?

 16. Now, Peter says "finally." Notice that it's in the beginning of ch. 3! To inherit a blessing, we are given 8 commands. What are they?
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 17. Next, Peter quotes Psalm 34. Where?

 18. Who is blessed?

 19. In v. 14, Peter quotes Isaiah 8. Where?

 20. Then we are called to sanctify something. Remember, "sanctify" means to set something apart. What/who are we called to sanctify, and where are we to sanctify?

 21. Next, Peter assumes that our lives will beckon others to ask questions. What should we expect them to ask us about?

 22. How are we commanded to prepare for this?

 23. How are we to respond?

 24. In the end, if we live the life of a good conscience, what will happen to those who defame us as evildoers?
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25. What was the purpose of Christ's suffering once for sins?
26. Where did Jesus go?
27. Whom did He go?
28. What did He do when He was there?
29. Who were these spirits? What can we learn about them?
30. What was happening while the ark was being prepared?
31. In v. 20, it tells us that 8 souls were saved through water. What did the flood save them from (the flood didn't save them from judgment, because the flood was the judgment)?
32. Then, Peter relates this to baptism. Notice, Peter does not say that the act of baptism is a saving article. What type of immersion is a saving one?
33. Where did Jesus go from there?

Application

- It goes without saying that you are either male or female. As we see commands for both here, how does your conduct line up with the standard set forth in this chapter (if you are unmarried, consider this either practice for the future, or being above reproach before the Lord!)?
- Pray for submission to the Lord (regardless of gender!) and, as a result, correct alignment with the standard set forth for you!

1. Beginning ch. 4, we are told to arm ourselves with the same mind. What mind is that?

2. How are we to no longer live?

3. How are we to live?

4. What is the will of the Gentiles (6)?

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5. When they see you not doing those things, how do they respond?

6. For what reason was the Gospel preached to those who are dead?

7. What is God about to do?

8. Since the end of all things is at hand, what are we to be (2)?

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9. Above all, what are we to have, and why?

10. As we are told elsewhere (Philippians) to do all things without grumbling, what are we to do here without grumblings?

11. As we have all received a gift from God, what are we to do with it?

12. How are the following to behave:

a. One who speaks:

b. One who ministers:

13. Why?

14. What are we to not think strange?

15. Why are rather to rejoice?

16. When do we expect to find ourselves glad with exceeding joy?

17. Who is blessed, and why?

18. How are we not to suffer (4)?

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19. If anyone suffers as a Christian, how should we not be?

20. If anyone suffers as a Christian, what should we do?

21. God then tells us "the time has come." The time has come for what?

22. Then, Proverbs 11 is quoted. Where?

23. For those who suffer, let it be according to _____.

24. For those who suffer, let them commit _____.

Application

- Is it strange to read about rejoicing in suffering? Look at Acts 5:40-42 for a great example of this! How is your joy level in the midst of trials?
- Pray that the Lord would instill a supernatural joy and even delight in suffering for His Name's sake! Clearly, this is contrary to our nature and must happen through the supernatural work of the Lord!

1. What does Peter call himself at the beginning of ch. 5 (3)?

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2. Peter commands the elders to shepherd the flock of God. How does this compare to John 21 in Peter's own life?

3. How is an elder *not* to shepherd the flock of God (3)?

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4. How is an elder to shepherd the flock of God (3)?

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5. What can we expect from the Chief Shepherd when He appears?

6. Next, Peter moves to exhorting the young people. How are they to respond to the following:

a. Elders:

b. One another:

c. To be clothed with:

d. The mighty hand of God:

e. Our cares (and why):

f. The devil (4):

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7. What can we expect our God of all grace to do after we have suffered for a while (4)?

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8. Who helped Peter write this letter?

9. Who appears to be with Peter (2)?

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10. How are they to greet one another?

11. What does Peter wish to all who are in Christ Jesus?

Application

- What part of this book spoke the loudest to you? Why?
- As you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus, expect to suffer for standing on Him! In that, rejoice in the temporary nature of suffering and the eternal nature of our Savior; and live in such a way that you represent Him to the world!