

# Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

## 1 Peter 1:6-12

### Lesson 2

In these verses, Peter rapidly moved from the glories of salvation to grieving in trials. Yet, he chose to use words like *rejoice* and *glory*. Although God certainly allows for grieving and sorrow in trials, He also allows for and plans for rejoicing and glory. May we learn the blessing He intends for us.

#### DAY ONE: Read 1 Peter 1:6-12

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
  - a. 1 Peter 1:6-12 is one section/paragraph. List below the subject(s) covered in this section.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

From previous lesson: *Jesus, Spirit, faith/believing, grace, and salvation*

New to this lesson: *rejoice/joy and glory/glories*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in 1 Peter 1:6-12. Remember, as you mark the words *Jesus* and *Spirit*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

3. The Greek words translated *faith* and *believing* are taken from the same root word (one is a noun; the other is a verb). Note the three times you marked these words and summarize what the text is teaching us about *faith* and *believing*.

## DAY TWO: READ 1 Peter 1:6-7

1. 1 Peter 1:6 begins with the phrase *in this you greatly rejoice*, referring back to the statement made in the previous verse. In what do *we* rejoice?

a. 1 Peter 1:6 has been described as going from ecstasy to agony. This is man's perspective, not God's. God intends the fruit of our *trials* to be good. What good is there in a *trial*?

2. Although we have much to *rejoice* over, Peter acknowledges that in this life, there is *grief*. In what way do the following verses show you that God allows times of *grieving* in the life of believers?

Psalm 119:28

Isaiah 61:3

Matthew 11:28

3. What can we learn from 1 Peter 1:6 about *trials*?

a. When we are facing trials, *a little while* can seem like a very long time. How can viewing a trial in this manner be helpful?

b. What does Lamentations 3:32,38 teach us about God and His place in our trials?

4. Notice and record the three word parenthetical phrase in 1 Peter 1:6 that begins with the word *if*.

a. This phrase indicates the *necessity* of trials. Some trials are a result of *chastening*. What does Hebrews 12:1-7 teach us about this?

1.) What are some other reasons for trials?

5. Bible expositors say that the eastern refiner of gold kept the metal in the furnace until all the impurities were removed and he could see his face reflected in it. It could then be shaped into a thing of beauty and value. What parallels can you draw from this for your life?

6. Our *trials* are not without purpose. Read 1 Peter 1:7 and share God's purpose for *trials*.
7. How *precious* is your *faith* to God?
  - a. What does Hebrews 11:6 tell us about how much God values *faith*?
    - 1.) How do *trials* give us an opportunity to express our *faith*?
8. *Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God* (1 Corinthians 4:5). What can we learn from this?

**DAYS THREE AND FOUR: Read 1 Peter 1:8,9**

1. 1 Peter 1:8 continues the sentence that began in verse 6. *Whom* in verse 8 refers to Jesus. What does verse 8 tell us about the believer's relationship with Jesus.
  - a. Share just a few reasons why you *love* Jesus.
2. It has been said, "Our faith is like a sixth sense because through it we are able to see the invisible and believe the impossible". Although we haven't seen Jesus with our physical eyes, what does verse 8 say our faith causes us to do?
  - a. What does John 20:29 add to this?
  - b. Share just a few reasons why you *believe*.
3. Our faith in Jesus has brought us to a loving relationship with Him. How has *believing* resulted in *rejoicing with joy inexpressible* in your life?
  - a. What can rob a believer of the *joy* God intends for her?

4. As you review 1 Peter 1:8, notice the three ways we can be victorious in the midst of a trial. Find the three verbs in 1 Peter 1:8 that reveal the believer's part.

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- a. Share why each of these three are such important components when facing trials

**love**

**believing**

**rejoice**

- b. Which one of these do you find most difficult? Why?

5. In 1 Peter 1:9, Peter finished his powerful sentence by pointing to the future. What hope should this give to believers?

- a. Using 1 Corinthians 13:12a, contrast how we see *now* with how we will see *then*.

- b. According to 1 Peter 1:9, what is the *end of our faith*?

- 1.) Our *faith* begins and ends with salvation – first being justified/being made right with God and then, one day, being *glorified*/new bodies and new hearts. After that, *faith* will no longer be necessary. We will be with Jesus. We will see Him as He is. What are some of your thoughts as you consider *the end of your faith*?



**DAY SIX: Review 1 Peter 1:6-12**

1. Share what you learned through this lesson by writing a comment or thought about:

*rejoicing*

*the trial of your faith*

*salvation*

*glory*

*prophets or angels*

2. What do you think Peter wants the believer to learn from 1 Peter 1:6-12?

*rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;*

*- Romans 12:12*