

**1 Peter**  
**Chapter One**  
Lesson One

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**Read 1 Peter chapter one**

1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

**Born Again to a Living Hope**

(This verse, nor does any verse in the Bible teach that God does the "choosing" of who is saved and not. God's "foreknowledge" simple refers to the fact that God knows who will trust Jesus as savior and those who do, are chosen or "elected" to receive salvation.)

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

("Grace" is the act in which God extends favors to us that we do not deserve. "Mercy" is the act in which God withholds judgment that we do deserve. With that in mind, and comparing Ephesians 2:8, we see that God's Grace and Mercy works hand in hand. If God did not withhold His Judgement on us, His Grace would do no good, and, if He did not extend His Grace, withholding Mercy would have no effect.)

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

(There are those who would like to teach that we are saved by God's grace through Jesus Christ, But, after that, we must work to "keep" our salvation. According to this verse, and many others, we are kept in God's grace by "the power of God".)

1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1Pe 1:7 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:

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ, which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

("gird up the loins of your mind"... means to "strengthen the inner parts of your mind". "Be sober" means to be of sound mind, and "Hope to the end" literally means "to expect or have confidence in the end"

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

(The word "holy" in verses 15 and 16 refers to being physically, Morally, and Spiritual pure)

1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

(Judging works in this verse, or for that matter, any verse in the Bible, has nothing to do with salvation,

but how we live "holy" as a child of God)

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

(This verse is talking about Jesus Christ being "foreordained"...not us)

1Pe 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

1Pe 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

**1 Peter**  
**Chapter Two**  
Lesson Two

Read 1 Peter chapter Two

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

(Any time you see the word "wherefore" you should look and see what it is there for. Why should we lay aside all malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies, and evil speakings? If we look back into the last part of chapter one, we will see why. Verse 22 reminds us that we have purified our souls in obedience to God's Word. Verse 23 tells us we have been born again by God's Word, and verses 24 and 25 teaches us that God's Word will endure forever. "Therefore" (or, because of these things), we should lay aside the evil mentioned above).

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

("Sincere Milk" refers to the pure word of God)

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

1Pe 2:4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1Pe 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained

mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

### **Submission to Authority**

1Pe 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

1Pe 2:14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

(These verses have always been a stumbling block among those striving to follow God's Word. But it should not be. What do we do when the authorities over us are evil? What do we do when the laws tell us to do things contrary to the Word of God? First, understand that “submitting” and “participating” is two different things. The word “ordinance” in V.13 is speaking of the INSTITUTIONS of man, not the laws of man. We are to submit to subject ourselves to the Authorities that are over us, BUT, this does not mean we participate and embrace every law that is past. Think of Peter and Paul and the other disciples when they were told to stop preaching. What did they say? “We ought to obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29). But, at the same time, they did not rise up against the authorities and fight against them. And, when they were arrested, they submitted. The picture we get from this is that we are to submit to the governing authorities as far as it does not directly go against God's Word. When it does, we must obey God rather than man, and we are to submit then to authorities. Remember, God is in control, even unto death.

1Pe 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

1Pe 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

1Pe 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

(The word “honour” means to value. The word “love” means to love in a social or moral way. Notice Scripture did not say to “love all men”. We are not to “love” all men. We are to recognize that God died for them just as much as He died for us, and to place value and respect to them to that extent. Even God “hates” some people, but yet He died for all. We are however to “love” those of the true Christian faith. Those who truly follow Christ and are part of the brotherhood of Christ.)

1Pe 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to

the forward.

1Pe 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

1Pe 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

(“Shepherd and Bishop of your souls” is Jesus Christ)

**1 Peter**  
**Chapter Three**  
Lesson Three

Read 1 Peter chapter Three

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

(The word "conversation" literally means "lifestyle". The wives godly lifestyle can lead their lost husband to the Lord, and this can be said the other way around as well.)

1Pe 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

1Pe 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

1Pe 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

(Make yourself beautiful inside, not outside)

1Pe 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

1Pe 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

(In this verse, the word "honour" means "to place the highest degree of value upon").

1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

1Pe 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are

thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

1Pe 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

1Pe 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1Pe 3:13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

1Pe 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

(The word "Sanctify" means "To Set Apart")

1Pe 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1Pe 3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: (This verse teaches us that Jesus only died once for our sins. He will never die to pay the price for sins again. His death paid the price for ALL sins, for ALL mankind, for ALL eternity. The only sin that is not already forgiven is the sin of rejecting Jesus Christ. This is the sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit, or the unpardonable sin. Read also Mark 3:28-30 and 1 John 5:16)

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.



1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

(This verse does not teach that the "act" of baptism saves us. It teaches us that our acceptance [good conscience] of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour [resurrection of Jesus Christ] saves us. And it is this faith in Jesus Christ that leads us to be baptized. In other words, we do not get baptized in order to be saved, we are baptized BECAUSE we are saved.)

1Pe 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**1 Peter**  
**Chapter Four**  
Lesson Four

Read 1 Peter chapter Four

1Pe 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;

1Pe 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

(True salvation will change your desires. You may still sin, but you will desire to do the will of God. When you sin, it will grieve your spirit and you will want nothing more than to get things right).

1Pe 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

1Pe 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

(The world does not understand why you are different. They think you are strange for not wanting to live in the world like they do. As a result, they will talk bad about you, mistreat you, and even abuse you)

1Pe 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

1Pe 4:6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. (During the three days that Jesus was in the grave, He went to the spirits that had passed on prior to His death on the cross and preached the Gospel to them...thus leading those who accepted His Gospel out of captivity and into the presents of God. Remember 1 Peter 3:18-20 Matthew 12:38-41 Romans 10:7 Ephesians 4:7-10)

1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

(Sober means to be clear minded)

1Pe 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

(Charity is Godly love. For a definition of Godly love, read 1 Cor. 13:4-7. The last part of this verse

does not teach our sins can be forgiven if we love others. What it is teaching is that if we truly love with the kind of love mentioned in 1 Cor. 13, then we will continue to love the person, even though they continue to sin. Notice that Scripture says the "multitude of sins" are "covered"...not forgiven.

1Pe 4:9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

1Pe 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

("The gift" mentioned here refers back to verse one and Christ suffering for us. As we have received salvation through Christ suffering, we should preach this Gospel to others because God has made us stewards of this message.)

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(Read Matthew 12:36. Every word we speak should be measured by the amount of glory it gives our Lord)

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1Pe 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

1Pe 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

(Suffering will come...the thing to concentrate on is what are we suffering for?)

1Pe 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1Pe 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

1Pe 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

(If you are in the will of God, it does not matter what happens to you, God has it in control, and you are safe in His hands).

**1 Peter**  
**Chapter Five**  
Lesson Five

Read 1 Peter chapter Five

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

(The Elder was the Pastor or leader of the local assembly (Acts 14:23). In other verses he was called the "Bishop" (1 Tim. 3:2))

1Pe 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

(Feeding the flock is referring to spiritual feed. The "elders" or older, mature, spiritual men in the church are to feed the flock with the word of God...NOT the word of man, not the doctrines of devils, and not your own brand of interpretations, BUT, the pure Word of God)

1Pe 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1Pe 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

(Please read John 10:11-18 and compare to verse four)

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

("Sober" means to be clear minded. "Vigilant" means to always be on guard. As a child of God, we should never take anything that would slow down or cloudy up our mind. We should always be clear minded and on guard because Satan is always looking for a way to destroy us. He does not take a break and will attack us from any direction he can, in any way he can, and through anyone he can.)

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

("perfect" means to be perfectly restored. "Stablish" means to be unmovable in your faith. "Settle you" means Grounded and erect (upright). As we suffer for Christ we become restored, unmovable, and grounded in our faith and relationship with God.)

1Pe 5:11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1Pe 5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

(Silvanus was the same as Silas, Paul's faithful companion in travel, mentioned Act 15:40; Act 16:19. Peter gives him credit for speaking the words that he pinned)

1Pe 5:13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

1Pe 5:14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**2 Peter**  
**Chapter One**  
Lesson Six

Read 2 Peter chapter One

2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

(Again, this letter is written by Simon Peter, and written to other born again believers in Jesus Christ.)

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

(Verses 3-7 give us the steps of God's divine salvation. First By Gods power He gives us eternal life and His godliness through our faith in him (V.3). Second we are made pure and sinless in Christ according to His promises (V.4). Thirdly, as we grow, we add to our faith, virtue (upright living), and then as we continue to grow we add knowledge (V. 5). Then to knowledge we should add temperance (self control), Patience, and then godliness (V.6). And finally, as we continue to mature in our Christian life we should see brotherly kindness (Love for other Christians), and then finally charity (godly love for all).

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Are you feeling empty and unfruitful in your Christian life? Maybe it's because you are lacking some of the above mentioned attributes and our Knowledge and relationship with Lord Jesus Christ is being hindered).

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

(Notice that this verse does not say a person is not saved if they lack any of these, but that they have forgotten what God has done for them. Every child of God is maturing in their christian walk at a different pace. Some faster than others, and some may seem like they never grow at all. This does not mean they are lost, but that they are still babies in Christ).

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

(“wherefore” because there are some who have not grown as much as they should, we should work even harder to grow and mature in our walk with the Lord, and fulfill our Spirit filled calling.

2Pe 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2Pe 1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

(We should remind each other of these truths from time to time)

2Pe 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

2Pe 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

(Peter knew that his time on earth was short)

2Pe 1:15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

(Peter not only wants to remind them to live out their salvation to the fullest now, but has even written it in this letter so after he is gone, they will still be reminded of it.)

2Pe 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

(Peter here reminds them that the Gospel he preaches is not made up, but they actually were eyewitnesses to everything Jesus said and did. This would include his death, burial and resurrection, as well as being caught up into heaven.)

2Pe 1:17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



(This of course is a reference to when Jesus was baptized by John.)

2Pe 1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

(This is a reference to when Jesus was caught up into the clouds and went back into heaven. So what Peter is saying is that he was a witness of all Jesus said and did from his baptism to Him being caught up into heaven again.)

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

(These last three verses are very important for us today. With so many false doctrines floating around, and so many different preachers all saying they have the truth, many do not know what to believe. However, Peter reminds us that we are not to make up Scripture and interpretations on our own but let God's word interpret for us. Gods Word was not made up by men, but was written down as the Holy Spirit moved them to do so. And as Peter reminds us, most of the writers were eyewitnesses to what happened, so they had first hand knowledge. We would be wise to stick to what God's Word says, and avoid adding our own thoughts to it.)

**2 Peter**  
**Chapter Two**  
Lesson Seven

Read 2 Peter chapter Two

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

(Notice that verse one says these false prophets (preachers / teachers) will bring in "damnable heresies". All teachings that do not line up 100% with Scripture is damnable (Read Galatians 1:8). God does not play around with His Word. Either preach it right, or don't preach it at all....AND, if you run across someone who is not preaching God's Word correctly, rebuke them and if they will not repent, let them be accursed. Let everyone know they are a false teacher. This would include ANYONE who claims to have "another Gospel", or another prophet who is adding to or changing what God's Word says. Stay away from Catholicism, Mormonism, Jehovah witnesses, Christian Science, and all other such heresies)

2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

(Covetousness is the root of their false teaching. They want to preach what the people want to hear so they can "make merchandise" out of them...in other words, so they can get their money. 2 Timothy 4:3 says that in the last days people will surround themselves with teachers and preachers who will preach what they want to hear. And these false teachers will love it because they can get rich off of them.)

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

(Those false teachers will be judged by God and it will not be good for them. If you are part of this, get out now. It is better to admit you are wrong, then to die and be cast into hell).

2Pe 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2Pe 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

2Pe 2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

2Pe 2:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

2Pe 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

2Pe 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

2Pe 2:16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

2Pe 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

2Pe 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

2Pe 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

2Pe 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

(This verse is not teaching that they can lose their salvation. 1 John 2:19 tells us that if a person leaves

the faith, they never were really saved to start with. So, this verse is telling us that these were religious people that were entangled again, not saved people. If a person is truly saved, they have "everlasting" life, and no man can pluck them out of God's hands.)

2Pe 2:21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

(Notice this verse says it had been better for them not to have "KNOWN" the way of Righteousness. Many people know about Jesus and the Gospel, but many do not "accept" it. The Bible nowhere tells us to "know" about Jesus to be saved. It says we must "accept" and "call" upon Him. These verses are talking about people who "know" about Jesus and the Gospel, and play a religious game for a while, and then turn back to the world. They never were saved, and since they know about the Gospel, they now have no excuse whatsoever. And so, it is worse for them than someone who has never heard.)

2Pe 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

(Here again, the dog is still a dog, and the sow is still a sow. There was no real change. The sow was washed, and the dog had left his vomit, but neither had been changed. When someone accepts the Lord as their Saviour and is truly born again, they are changed, they become a new person. Verse 22 reaffirms that these people were never saved.)

**2 Peter**  
**Chapter Three**  
Lesson Eight

Read 2 Peter chapter Three

Then proceed to final Exam

2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

(Peter is writing to remind them of things previously spoken and written to them)

2Pe 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

2Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

(By God's Word, the heavens and the earth were created. Read Genesis 1:3)

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

(People remember that God has said He would not destroy the world with water again. But, they forget, He has told us he will destroy it with fire next time. He kept his word the first time, a person would have to be crazy to think He is not going to do it again)

(By God's Word, the heavens and the earth are also kept in place)

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

(These verses are not giving us a time line of any kind. And it is not to be understood that a thousand years to us is like a day to God. What it is teaching is that time means nothing to God. He does not live within time. Time was created for us. Time started with us, and it will end with us. Once our life on earth is over, time is also over. Verse nine goes on to say that because God does not operate in time, His judgment being withheld is because He wants everyone to repent. Sadly, not everyone is going to, and there will come a point when God will wait no longer.)

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

(This verse is not saying we can not know when Christ is about to return. It is simply saying we won't know the exact moment. Mark 13:32 says no man can know the "day" or the "hour", but in Luke 21:30,31 Jesus tells them that there are signs that will tell them when His return is at hand. So, we won't know the day or the hour, but we can know by many signs that the time is very near.)

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2Pe 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2Pe 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

(This verse is not talking about loosing salvation. It is talking about your walk)

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

(Here in is a finally warning to all true believers. Beware, grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Stay steadfast in your walk with Him, and always preach the true Gospel of Jesus Christ).