

1 Peter

A six-week Bible study
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I am so glad you have downloaded this study and will be joining in this study of 1 Peter. Isn't it breathtaking to think that the Bible is God's holy Word to you and me?

The God of the universe speaks, friends. Let's take this summer to look and listen for His voice.

The What

We are going to take a deep look at six key passages in 1 Peter. We'll be using the method I teach in my Bible study series Focused15, where we look at one passage 5 different ways throughout the week, in only 15 minutes a day. (Of course, you are welcome to spend more time in the Word, but 15 minutes is a good starting point!)

This may be a new way of study to you. Many studies and reading plans involve getting through a great amount of Scripture in a small amount of time. (Nothing wrong with that!) We, however, are going to take a different approach.

Think of it like we're taking a chunk of meat and put it in the crock pot. Instead of tasting an appetizer or two each day, we will marinate and simmer in a passage all week; getting as much of the goodness out of it we can.

So, for example, the first week of the study we will be looking at 1 Peter 1:3-5. We will spend the first day following the cross-references to understand better how these verses fit into the whole of Scripture. The next day we will look up key words in the Greek to see if the true meaning is opened up a bit more to us. Day 3, 4 and 5 we will still be in 1 Peter 1:3-5, but studying it just a bit differently than we have already.

It's going to be an awesome feast, I promise!

Here is what you need to get ready:

- A good study Bible. I recommend the [ESV Study Bible](#). Hands down, the best study Bible I have used. (If you don't have a good study Bible, or have the budget for one right now, there are many great FREE online Bible study sites you can use.)
- A journal or notebook to record what you are learning. My absolute favorite journals are the [Moleskine Volant](#) notebooks.
- A greek concordance* and a good commentary* (or internet access to a Bible study site). [eBible.com](#) is an awesome, free site with a Greek concordance, commentary, and cross-references all integrated into the online Bible. I highly recommend this site! (I use the eBible app on my iPad everyday for my own personal study. eBible is also available for many other mobile devices.)

(FYI, there are affiliate links present)

The When and Where

Rather than trying to pack all of 1 Peter into 6 weeks of study, I have chosen 6 meaty passages for us to chew on. We will study each passage for one week. I will post on Wednesdays at the Allume blog, where you can come and share what you've learned and ask any questions you have.

The Schedule

Since blog posts will be on Wednesdays, the study week will run from Wednesday to Tuesday of the next week.

June 6 th -12 th	1 Peter 1:3-5	Secure in His Mercy
June 13 th -19 th	1 Peter 2:1-3	Tasting His Goodness
June 20 th - 26 th	1 Peter 2:9-10	Who Am I, Really?
June 27 th - July 3 rd	1 Peter 3:1-4	Imperishable beauty
July 4 th - 10 th	1 Peter 4:7-11	Stewards of Grace
July 11 th - 17 th	1 Peter 5:6-11	God's Mighty Hand

The How

Each day we open our passage to study, we will take a different, focused look at the passage.

(Remember to begin each day with a short prayer, asking the God who speaks to open your ears to His Word.)

Day 1 - Seeing the big-picture through cross-referencing.

There is much to learn from those little bitty numbers inserted into the text in your Bible*. On day 1, follow all of the “rabbit trails” to see where they lead you. There is often important connections to be made through reading the verses that are referenced.

Day 2 - Discovering the original language.

Now, let's be clear here, I am no Greek scholar; chances are, you aren't either. That's OK—we don't need to be to get a better understanding of what Peter meant when he chose a particular word.

Using a Greek concordance*, look up any words that catch your eye. You may want to start with the verbs first. Pay attention to the verb tenses. How would the meaning of the verse change, if the tense was different?

Day 3 – Observing: truths, promises, and commands.

On this day, you are going to read the passage three times, while asking yourself a different set of questions each time. Start first with truths and note what you learn; read the passage again and this time look for promises; read it one more time and look for any commands.

Keep in mind that you will not find the answer to every question in every passage. These are key

questions we are training our minds to ask when we read our Bible.

Truths - What does this passage teach about...

God? The author, Peter? Who I am because of Christ?

Promises - What is promised to me in this passage?

Is the promise conditional or unconditional? If conditional, what is required?

Commands - What can I take away from this passage to act on?

What are the dos and don'ts? Which characteristics are upheld or rebuked? What can I learn from the examples of others?

Day 4 - Finding the main point through dissecting each sentence.

You are going to take each sentence in this week's passage and dissect it a bit. You can do this in your journal, or copy/paste the passage onto some sort of word processor. Think 3rd-grade English class, sentence structure. (I may have lost some of you right there...if so, just forget I said it. Ha!) Start reading the sentence, and as soon as a new thought pops up, separate it from the other, until you have finished “dissecting” the sentence.

Take it a sentence at a time, and try to figure out what the main point is. What is the Subject? Verb? Object? Are there any modifiers? Classifying each phrase will help us better see what the big idea of the passage is.

If you don't have much time to spend this day, just start with the sentence that you are most unclear about, or want to understand better.

This is where some of you type-A people (like me!) may struggle with whether or not you are getting this “correct”. The point is not to get it exactly right. Everyone is going to map out their verses a bit different than others. Get creative and have fun with this. You are not turning this in for a grade!

Day 5 - Looking for God's plan and character.

You may have noticed that I have yet to mention using a commentary* or the study notes in your Bible. This is intentional. There are some really great commentaries out there—and I do want you to use them—but *I want you to wait until day 5 to use them*. (Now, If you have a burning question or major confusion earlier in the week, go ahead and search for clarification through a commentary then.)

Do the work to make your own observations first, *then* check it with a commentary and read the notes in your Bible. And, always remember the number one rule to understanding Scripture: **ALWAYS interpret Scripture with Scripture!!** If what you think a passage is saying is directly contradicted by another passage, chances are you need to do more digging. (If you find yourself with a commentary that contradicts Scripture, BURN IT.)

Once you have read the study notes for the passage, prayerfully journal through the following questions:

- **How should this passage affect me?**

- **How does my view of God line up with this passage?**
- **What is God leading me to do as a result of what I have learned?**

If He is leading you to take action, be sure to write it down and share it with a friend or spouse.

Bonus Work

I know life happens, and our time with God can be interrupted. This is why I only the plan includes only 5 days of study. I also want to leave room for any other studies you may be involved in and/or prepare for on Sunday mornings.

If you find yourself with time for more, here are extras to further enhance your study:

- Read all of 1 Peter each day before you start your study.
- Listen to a sermon or two on 1 Peter. (Check out DesiringGod.org for a GREAT resource library.)
- Write out the passage a few times, and work toward memorizing it.
- Go back and spend more time on a day you didn't get to dig as deeply as you wanted.

The Why

“My prayer for you as we dive into the Word is two-fold. First, I want to work myself out of a job. I want you to walk away from this study a bit more confident in your own ability to focus in on the transformational truths of scripture; I want to help you take one more step toward becoming a self-feeder.

Second, I hope you will experience God in a whole new way through these focused fifteen minutes. **The most important thing about us is what we believe about God.** My prayer is that you will encounter the truths about who He is through your own study of Scripture in such a way that your actions are forever changed—because of who He is.” -*Focused15*

"Many noble things vie for our time, but nothing will affect our lives and the lives of those around us more powerfully and positively than an in-depth study of God's Word." -Beth Moore, *Jesus the One and Only*

*If you are unfamiliar with how to use cross-references, a Greek concordance, or a commentary, I give a detailed description (with pictures), as well as suggestions for where to find each—in print and online—in my 1 Corinthians *Focused15* study. Check out Focused15.com for more information.

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