

The First Epistle of PETER
Chapter 1
“The Meaning of Life!”

I) LIVING HOPE (v1-9)

- God is abundant in mercy!
- How did we receive this *living hope*? Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ!
- What awaits us in heaven? An incorruptible inheritance!
- Trials test the genuineness of our faith.
- Who have we not seen yet love? Jesus!
- What do we receive at the end of our faith? Salvation of our souls!

(Example: Peter presents a “*living hope*” to Cornelius- Acts ch. 10)

II) INSPIRATION OF THE PROPHETS (v10-12)

- What did the prophets declare would come to us? God’s grace!
- After the sufferings of Christ what follows? Glory!
- Who works through us to *preach the gospel* to others? The Holy Spirit.

The Bible is written by man but dictated by God: 2 Peter 1:19-21- *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

III) FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS (v13-22)

- Christians are to rest their hope fully upon God’s grace.
 - Christians are to be obedient children.
 - Christians are not to conform to their former lusts. (Galatians 5:16-26)
 - Christians are to be holy in their conduct.
 - Christians are to conduct their time here in fear.
 - What are Christians redeemed with? The precious blood of Jesus.
 - How do Christians purify their souls? By obeying the truth.
 - Christian love should be sincere, fervent & of a pure heart!
- (Love defined- Read 1 Corinthians ch. 13)

IV) ETERNAL PROMISES (v23-25)

- Christians are born again of an incorruptible seed. (John ch. 3- “Born Again”)
 - What *lives* and *abides & endures forever*? The Word of God!
- Warren Wiersbe writes- “The Word of God- Love it, learn it & live it!”

> ALWAYS REMEMBER:

The subject of the Bible is Jesus Christ!

The purpose of the Bible is the glory of God!