

I and II Peter Bible Study

Lesson 18 Questions / II Peter 1:1-11

Avoid False Teaching by Grasping True Salvation

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this week's lesson.

Read II Peter 1:1-11.

1. Peter begins his second letter by referring to himself not only as an apostle, but as a _____. He then addresses his readers as ***“those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”*** The words rendered same kind mean “of equal value or privilege.” How does this opening statement reveal that God had grown Peter over the years? (Mark 9:33-37, Luke 22:24-27)

In what ways does the opening statement reveal Peter's humility? What truths about God do you see? _____

2. The opening prayer in vs. 2 is identical to the prayer in I Peter 1:2, except for an additional phrase. What is it? _____
3. The prayer in vs. 2 is no empty formula, but rather an expression of the reality that grace and peace come solely through a true knowledge of God and Jesus. Using these verses or others that apply explain what it means to have a true, saving knowledge of God. (Rom. 10:1-4, Phil. 3:8-10, John 14:6-7, Gal. 2:19-21) _____

4. Where is true knowledge of God found? (Rom. 10:17, II Tim. 3:15-17) Can it be found elsewhere? Why or why not? _____

5. In verses 3-4, Peter jumps right into talking about the power of Christ in believers, which was first shown in God effectually calling them to salvation, but *continues* to be the source of their spiritual sufficiency. Why is the power of Christ an important starting point? Use verses to support your answer? _____

6. Vs.3 says that His divine power has granted us _____ pertaining to life and godliness. Using these verses, write down what you notice about the grace we have been given in Christ. Do you see any lack? (Matt. 22:2-4, Luke 15:17-24, 2 Cor. 9:8, Phil. 4:19, Eph. 3:20) _____

7. In what ways do believers tend to look for spiritual help in the wrong places? Where do they go? Why do you think we have this tendency? (Col. 2:6-10, I Tim. 6:20, 2 Cor. 10:3-5) _____

8. In vs. 4 it says, ***“For by these, He has _____ to us His precious and _____ promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine _____, having _____ the corruption that is in the world by _____.”***

9. What is being referred to when he says “by these?” _____

10. Through Christ’s glory as God and His excellence as the perfect Man we gain salvation ***and*** all of the promises! How do the promises of God equip us for a life of godliness, now and for eternity? (2 Cor. 1:20-21, John 8:31-36) _____

Share a promise of God from the Scriptures that has been especially meaningful to you. _____

11. ***“We participate in the divine nature only after we have escaped or turned our backs on the world.”*** Wayne Grudem Do you believe this statement? Why is the doctrine of repentance so central to the Gospel message?(Luke 14:25-33, Rom. 8:13-14, I John 2:15-17) _____

12. In vs. 5-11 Peter transitions to a wonderful explanation of how believers can have assurance of their salvation. Peter knew that believers who lack assurance are easy prey for the devil, and on the other hand, those who possess assurance tend to stand firm. (Eph. 6:10-11) According to verse 5, what is the reason we are to be fully diligent in pursuing Christ-like character? _____

13. Paul speaks of a similar diligence in Philippians 2:12-13. According to these verses, what is the reason we “work out our salvation with fear and trembling?” _____

How is it that we can have joy while we “fear and tremble?” (John 15:9-11, Ps. 112:1) _____

14. Seven Christ-like qualities are set forth as priorities for believers to pursue wholeheartedly. ***“For if these _____ are yours and are _____, they render you neither useless, nor _____ in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is _____ or short sighted, having _____ his purifications from his former sins.” vs. 8-9***

Define the following qualities.

Virtue: _____

Knowledge: _____

Self-control: _____

Perseverance: _____

Godliness: _____

Brotherly kindness: _____

Love: _____

15. Looking back over the course of your relationship with Christ, how have you seen the lack of these qualities, or the growth in these qualities affect your confidence that you truly are a child of God?(2 Cor. 1:21-22) _____

16. God desires that **all** believers have assurance, for He is the one who has called them and chosen them for salvation, (vs. 10) and holds them secure until the end! How does knowing these truths about God, inspire you to pursue Christ-likeness? _____
