

# 1 PETER — WEEK 3

## REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

1 Peter 2:1–12

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMORY VERSE (KEY VERSE FOR OUR STUDY)

1 Peter 5:12b NLT

*“.... what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.”*

Without looking, write as much of the memory verse as you can. Then check your Bible and correct anything you missed.

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### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Read 1 Peter 2:1–12 slowly. As you read:

- Circle words or ideas that are repeated.
- Underline something that encourages you.
- Put a ? beside something you don’t understand.
- Put a ! beside something that seems especially important.
- If possible, read the passage once in the NLT and once in another Bible translation.

### A QUICK LOOK BACK

#### 1 Peter 1

**1. LOOKING BACK.** Looking back at chapter 1, write down one truth about GOD, one truth about what GOD HAS DONE, and one way Peter says that should affect HOW WE LIVE.

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**2. KEY WORDS.** What did Peter mean by “holy,” “redeemed,” and “sincere love”?

Holy =

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Redeemed =

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Sincere love =

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**3. WHAT LASTS?** Chapter 1 ends by saying God's Word remains forever. What difference should something permanent make to people living in uncertain circumstances?

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**4. MAKE THE CONNECTION.** If I really believe the truths Peter taught in chapter 1, what should begin to look different about the way I live?

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## GET RID OF IT

### 1 Peter 2:1–3

**5. NOTICE THE FIRST WORD.** Verse 1 begins with “So” in the NLT. Look back at the end of chapter 1. What has Peter just been talking about? Why do you think Peter moves from “love each other deeply” to telling them to get rid of certain behaviors?

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**6. MAKE THE LIST.** What five things does Peter tell Christians to get rid of in verse 1?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**8. WORD STUDY.** Choose two words from that list that you want to understand better. Look them up and explain them in ordinary language.

Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Means: \_\_\_\_\_

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**9. GET PRACTICAL.** Which of the five things in verse 1 can sometimes be accepted or excused even among Christians? Why can these things be so damaging to relationships?

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**10. CRAVE IT.** What picture does Peter use in verse 2 to describe how believers should desire God’s Word? What does a hungry baby do when it wants milk? What do you think Peter wants us to understand from that picture?

**11. BE HONEST.** What are some things we can crave or make time for much more naturally than we crave time with God or His Word? What might it look like for your desire for God’s Word to grow—not simply your sense that you should read it?

**12. WHY GROW?** According to verse 2, what is the purpose of this spiritual nourishment? Peter assumes Christians should be growing. What might spiritual growth actually look like in an ordinary person’s life?

**13. TASTE AND SEE.** Verse 3 says, “Now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness...” (NLT). Read Psalm 34:8. What connection do you see? How might remembering God’s kindness make you want to know Him more?

## COME TO JESUS — THE LIVING STONE

### 1 Peter 2:4–8

**14. A STRANGE PICTURE.** What does Peter call Jesus in verse 4? How can a stone be “living”? What do you think Peter is trying to communicate about Jesus?

**15. TWO PERSPECTIVES.** Verse 4 describes Jesus very differently from two perspectives.

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**20. TWO RESPONSES TO JESUS.** Read verses 6–8. How do those who trust Jesus respond to Him? How do those who reject or disobey Him respond? What do you think Peter wants his readers to understand from this contrast? Put a ? beside anything in verse 8 that you don't understand or would like to discuss together.

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## REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

### 1 Peter 2:9–10

**21. MAKE THE LIST.** Peter gives believers several descriptions in verse 9. Write them down.

We are a \_\_\_\_\_

We are \_\_\_\_\_

We are a \_\_\_\_\_

We are \_\_\_\_\_

Which description means the most to you right now? Why?

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**22. WHY DID GOD CHOOSE THEM?** According to the rest of verse 9, what are God's people supposed to do?

He called you out of \_\_\_\_\_ and into \_\_\_\_\_.

What might moving from darkness into light look like in someone's real life?

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**23. THEN AND NOW.** According to verse 10:

Once you had \_\_\_\_\_ Now you are \_\_\_\_\_

Once you had received no \_\_\_\_\_ Now you have received \_\_\_\_\_

Why might those words have been especially meaningful to Peter's readers, who were living as foreigners and outsiders?

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## DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

**24. LOOK ELSEWHERE IN SCRIPTURE.** Read Exodus 19:3–6. What words or ideas sound similar to 1 Peter 2:9–10? What does this help you understand about what it means to belong to God? Then read Hosea 2:23. What connection do you see with 1 Peter 2:10?

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## PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHERE HOME IS

### 1 Peter 2:11–12

**25. LIVE SO OTHERS CAN SEE.** Peter again calls his readers “temporary residents and foreigners.” What does he tell them not to do in verse 11? What does he tell them to do in verse 12?

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Peter says unbelieving neighbors may accuse Christians of doing wrong. Instead of telling Christians to win every argument or defend their reputation, what does he tell them to do?

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Think about your own life: If someone watched the way you treat people, handle frustration, use your money, talk about others, respond when hurt, and spend your time, what might they learn about what you believe?

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## PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Peter has moved from HOPE in chapter 1 to IDENTITY in chapter 2. Complete the progression:

Because Jesus is my CORNERSTONE, I can...

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Because I am part of God’s PEOPLE, I don’t have to...

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Because God has called me out of DARKNESS into LIGHT, I want to...

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Because this world is not my permanent HOME, I can...

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Because other people are WATCHING how Christians live, I want my life to...

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## BEFORE WE MEET NEXT

*Don't rush these. Take time to reflect honestly before we meet.*

**Something I learned about GOD:**

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**Something I learned about MYSELF:**

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**Something that ENCOURAGED me:**

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**Something that CHALLENGED me:**

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**Something I still DON'T UNDERSTAND or a QUESTION I want to ask:**

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## ONE THING TO CARRY WITH YOU

Peter's readers lived as outsiders. Other people might reject them, misunderstand them, or tell them they didn't belong. Peter reminds them that their identity wasn't determined by how the world saw them.

Look again at 1 Peter 2:4–10.

When you are tempted to measure your worth by whether people approve of you, include you, appreciate you, or understand you, what truth from this passage do you most need to remember?

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## MEMORY VERSE CHECK

Without looking, fill in as much as you can:

"...what you are experiencing is truly part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_."

1 Peter 5:12b NLT

After three weeks of saying this verse, what does "stand firm in this grace" mean to you now that you have studied 1 Peter 1:1–2:12?

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