

Sunday June 27th 2010
Petros
Part Three – Study Questions

1). 1Pe 1:3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

a). What does the highlighted phrase at the beginning of v3 teach us concerning the Lord's incarnation?

b). How does this scripture from Philippians help with our understanding of this? - Php 2:5 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

c). What does the name 'Jesus' and the title 'the Christ' teach us with respect to the Lord's appearance as a man?

d). If we put all of this together, what very familiar scripture does this bring to mind?

e). Where have we previously seen reference to this scripture with regards to Peter?

2). 1Pe 1:3 ¶ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

- a). What is the cause of us being begotten again?
- b). What would we understand about ‘His abundant mercy’?
- c). Being begotten again can be seen as pointing to a foundational truth – what is that truth?
- d). Given the context in which this phrase appears is this really what it is referring to?
- e). Joh 3:3 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* Can you explain the circumstances in which we find the same phrase used here and how does this explain the way it is used in 1 Peter 1:3?
- f). What is a very good example of being brought forth from above? And is this true of our own experience? How would we know?
- g). In the light of all this how should we understand being ‘born again’?
- h). How has the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead made possible our being born again with regards to understanding and having faith in our living hope?
- i). What scriptures do we have that show this?

j). Explain what you understand ‘a living hope’ to be. What scripture do we have to confirm this?

k). Why do you think the Holy Spirit through Peter places so much emphasis on the resurrection of the Lord in Peter’s message on the day of Pentecost? And which scripture does He go to, to reference it?

l). Job 19:25 *For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!* What connection does this have with our scripture here in Job?

m). What does all this say to you personally?

3). 1Pe 1:3 ¶ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

a). What do you understand about this ‘inheritance’?

b). What does the word ‘reserved’ mean? And what do you think is the significance of this?

4). 1Pe 1:4 *to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

a). The inheritance then is for those who are kept by the power of God through faith – How do we know that this does not mean all Christians?

b). What faith are we talking about here and how would we know?

c). What does the word ‘kept’ mean and what kind of image does this create in your mind?

d). What salvation are we talking about here and when is the last time?

e). Explain how Jesus is the perfect example of being kept by the power of God through faith.

f). How would the idea of being kept by the power of God through faith connect with scriptures we have looked at in past weeks concerning the process of going from faith to faith and glory to glory?

g). So what do you understand being kept by the power of God to mean for you personally?

h). What is the promise contained in the scripture regarding this?

5). Any final thoughts or comments?

