

Sunday July 4th 2010
Petros
Part Four – Study Questions

1). 1Pe 1:5 *who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

a). Explain as much as you can about what is taught in this scripture.

2). 1Pe 1:6 ¶ *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,*

a). What is it that we greatly rejoice in?

b). What does the phrase, ‘greatly rejoice’ mean in the original language?

c). When will the great rejoicing take place and why do you think it will be so great?

d). If our great rejoicing awaits us in the future what in our verse is it compared to?

e). What does the phrase, ‘a little while’ refer to?

f). How is it possible for it to be seen as ‘a little while’?

g). What other scriptures have we looked at that provide us with the same comparative idea?

h). Why do you think the Holy Spirit through Peter and Paul wants us to understand this perspective?

i). What do we need to do to make sure that we have the right mindset regarding this?

j). V6 contains the phrase, 'if need be' – what does this phrase refer to?

k). The phrase means exactly what it says, so what does this say to you personally?

l). Why might we need to be grieved by various trials?

m). What might we need to conclude about those who seem to experience more trials than others?

n). What do you understand 'various trials' to mean?

o). In what way might what we have learned here help explain our own experience?

p). What connection do you think there is between being grieved by various trials and our faithful obedience?

q). Is it possible to suffer without experiencing trials?

3). *1Pe 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

- a). According to v7 what is the purpose for being grieved by various trials?
- b). What does the word translated ‘genuineness’ mean in the original language?
- c). How is the genuineness of gold tested?
- d). What does our scripture tell us about the longevity of gold?
- e). What comparison can we make between this and our faith?
- f). In what sense might our faith also be tested by fire?
- g). What scriptures do we have for this?
- h). If our faith is found genuine what according to v7 will be the outcome at the Judgment Seat?
- i). What do you think about this?

4). 1Pe 1:8 *whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls.*

- a). How is it possible to love the Lord without having seen Him?
- b). What do we do now though we do not see Him?
- c). What comparison of time do we see again here in v8?
- d). If we continue to believe, to have faith what will be the ultimate outcome for us?

e). What does the phrase, ‘the end of your faith’ teach us?

5). 1Pe 1:10 ¶ *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.*

a). What salvation have the prophets inquired and searched carefully?

b). How is this salvation described in Hebrews and what can we then say about it?

c). What were the prophets prophesying?

d). What were they searching for?

e). Who was indicating what to them?

f). What connection were they trying to make between these two?

6). 1Pe 1:12 *To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into.*

a). What did the Holy Spirit then reveal to them in their search?

b). What connection is made between the OT scriptures and the message that was preached following Pentecost?

c). What conclusion from all of this can we draw with regards to the message of the Kingdom and all that is contained in it?

d). What does this scripture from Hebrews say with regards to this?
Heb 11:39 *And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.*

e). Who else desires to look into this salvation?

f). Why do you think that they have this desire?

g). How should we understand the word, 'desire'?

h). What does the word translated, 'look into' teach us concerning the angels?

i). What further contribution does all of this make to our understanding of the salvation of the soul?

7). Any final thoughts, comments or questions?