

1 Peter 1:1-25

Lexham English Bible (LEB)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen
 2 who are residing temporarily in the dispersion
 3 in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and
 4 Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of
 5 God the Father, by the sanctification of the
 6 Spirit, for obedience and *for* sprinkling with the
 7 blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be
 8 multiplied to you.

9 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord
 10 Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy
 11 has caused us to be born again to a living hope
 12 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
 13 dead, ⁴ into an inheritance imperishable and
 14 undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for
 15 you ⁵ who are being protected by the power of
 16 God through faith for a salvation ready to be
 17 revealed in the last time, ⁶ in which you rejoice
 18 greatly, *although* now for a short time, if
 19 necessary, you are distressed by various trials,
 20 ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith, more
 21 valuable than gold that is passing away, but is
 22 tested by fire, may be found to *result in* praise
 23 and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus
 24 Christ, ⁸ whom, *although you* have not seen, you
 25 love; in whom now you believe, *although you*
 26 do not see *him*, and you rejoice greatly with joy
 27 inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ obtaining the
 28 goal of your faith, the salvation of *your* souls.

29 ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who
 30 prophesied about the grace meant for you
 31 sought and made careful inquiry,

32 ¹¹ investigating for what *person* or which time
 33 the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating *when*
 34 *he* testified beforehand to the sufferings with
 35 reference to Christ and the glories after these
 36 *things*, ¹² to whom it was revealed that they
 37 were serving not themselves but you with
 38 reference to the same *things* which now have
 39 been announced to you through those who

40 proclaimed the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit
 41 sent from heaven, *things into which* angels
 42 desire to look.

43 ¹³ Therefore, *when you have prepared your*
 44 *minds for action* by being self-controlled, put
 45 your hope completely in the grace that will be
 46 brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

47 ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to
 48 the former desires *you used to conform to* in
 49 your ignorance, ¹⁵ but as the one who called you
 50 *is* holy, *you* yourselves be holy in all *your*
 51 conduct, ¹⁶ for it is written, “You will be holy,
 52 because *I am* holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on *him as*
 53 Father who judges impartially according to each
 54 one’s work, conduct yourselves with fear during
 55 the time of your temporary residence, ¹⁸ *because*
 56 *you* know that you were redeemed from your
 57 futile way of life inherited from your ancestors
 58 not with perishable things like silver or gold,
 59 ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like *that*
 60 *of* an unblemished and spotless lamb ²⁰ who was
 61 foreknown before the foundation of the world,
 62 but has been revealed in these last times for you
 63 ²¹ who through him *are* believing in God, who
 64 raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so
 65 that your faith and hope are in God.

66 ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience
 67 to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one
 68 another fervently from the heart, ²³ *because you*
 69 have been born again, not from perishable seed
 70 but imperishable, through the living and
 71 enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

72 “all flesh *is* like grass,
 73 and all its glory like the flower of the grass.
 74 The grass withers and the flower falls off,
 75 ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures *forever*.”

76 And this is the word that has been proclaimed to
 77 you.

For additional thought and discussion:

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Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.