

1 Peter 1:13-25

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1 ¹³ Therefore, *when you have prepared your minds for*
2 *action by being self-controlled, put your hope completely*
3 *in the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of*
4 *Jesus Christ.* ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed
5 to the former desires *you used to conform to* in your
6 ignorance, ¹⁵ but as the one who called you *is holy, you*
7 yourselves be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ for it is written,
8 “You will be holy, because I *am* holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call
9 on *him as* Father who judges impartially according to each
10 one’s work, conduct yourselves with fear during the time
11 of your temporary residence, ¹⁸ *because you* know that
12 you were redeemed from your futile way of life inherited
13 from your ancestors not with perishable things like silver
14 or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like *that*
15 *of* an unblemished and spotless lamb ²⁰ who was
16 foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has
17 been revealed in these last times for you ²¹ who through
18 him *are* believing in God, who raised him from the dead
19 and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in
20 God.

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

26 “all flesh *is* like grass,
27 and all its glory like the flower of the grass.
28 The grass withers and the flower falls off,
29 ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures *forever*.”
30 [*Isaiah 40:6-8; cf. James 1:10-11 - mw*]

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

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Observation (What does it say?):

Consider the observation questions on the back of this page. What gets your attention in this passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage, what questions do you have about the text?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

How might this passage affect your understanding of who God is and what He is doing?

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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.

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