



MY DAILY APPOINTMENT
WITH GOD

the book of
I PETER

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The Book of I Peter

The book of I Peter is actually a letter. It was written by Peter, one of Jesus' 12 apostles. Peter was one of the three Apostles closest to Jesus. As you read the gospels you will often find they speak of Jesus spending special, intimate time with Peter, James and John.

More than once in this letter Peter refers to events he witnessed with Christ or words he heard Christ speak. He also shows a deep knowledge of the Old Testament, often quoting it or speaking of characters from the Old Testament.

Peter is writing this letter to both Jewish and non-Jewish (Gentile) Christians spread throughout Asia Minor (see I Peter 1:1). Many of these people would have been in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost when God gave Peter and the other disciples the ability to speak in different languages so that they could preach the gospel to people in the languages they best understood. (See Acts 2, especially verses 7-12, and verse 8.)

Peter intended for the letter to be circulated amongst the churches in the area, so it is not written to one particular person or church.

Peter's main themes are 1) Our Salvation (I Peter 1:1-2:12); 2) Our Submission (I Peter 2:13-3:12); 3) Our Suffering (I Peter 3:13-4:19); and 4) Our Sanctification (How God is drawing us closer to himself and making us more like himself) (I Peter 5:1-14).

Listen to what God has to say to you through I Peter!

The questions will be easier to answer if you read from a New International Version of the Bible, but any version you have will be okay.

My Appointment With God On Day 1

I Peter 1:1-5

1. What title does Peter give himself in verse 1?
2. Mark 3:13-19 tells us about the time when Peter and the others were chosen to be apostles. What 3 things were the apostles to do according to these verses?
3. What three descriptions does Peter give of the people he was writing to? (verse 1) What does each description mean?
4. Peter gives three or four more descriptions of these people in verse 2. Fill in the blanks below from the information in this verse. (Note that each member of the Trinity is involved.)

Christians are CHOSEN...

...according to the _____ of God

...through the _____ work of the Spirit

...for _____ to Jesus Christ

...for sprinkling by the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Now go back and write out what each phrase means to you in the gap below the phrase.

5. What two blessings does Peter want Christians to have? (verse 3) How can we get these?
6. List below the things Peter tells us we have received because of God's great mercy and Jesus' resurrection from the dead.
 - A new _____
 - A living _____
 - An _____ that will never _____, spoil or fade
7. What does God use his power to do for us according to verse 5, and how long will he do it?
8. Verse 3 says we should praise God for all these blessings of eternal life. Take time right now to either write out a "Thank You" note to God or to tell him in prayer how great he is and how much you appreciate all he has given you.

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I Peter 1:6-9

1. Go back and look at questions #6 and #7 from yesterday. Then read verse 6 and answer what it is we are to "greatly rejoice in."
2. Verses 6-7 talk about how we suffer on earth while we are waiting for our eternal life. Fill in the blanks below from verse 6.

In this you greatly rejoice, though _____ (1)
for a _____ (2)
you may _____ (3) had to suffer
_____ 4)
in _____ kinds of _____ (5).

3. Now take the words in the blanks above and use them to fill in the points below:

Even though we have eternal life if we have asked Jesus to be our Lord and Savior...

...all of us are suffering (1) _____
...all of us are suffering for a _____ (2)
...all of us may _____ (3) to suffer
...all of us suffer _____ (4)
...all of us suffer in _____ kinds of _____ (5).

4. Which of the phrases above is most true in your life right now?
5. List 2-4 ways God can bring good out of the suffering we go through according to verse 7.
6. What three qualities should be a part of our life even though we can't see Jesus with our physical eyes right now? (verse 8)
7. What is the goal of our faith and when will we reach that goal? (verse 9)

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I Peter 1:10-12

1. Who spoke about our salvation according to verse 10?
2. What did the prophets say would come to us according to verse 10? What does this have to do with our salvation?
3. What did the prophets try to find out according to verse 11?
4. How did the prophets search according to verse 10? What does this tell us about how we should study the Bible?
5. Who were the prophets serving? (verse 12)
6. If we will take the time to teach others from the Bible or disciple others, we will profit from it, but who else profits?
 - How are we like the Old Testament prophets if we teach disciple others? (verse 12)
 - Who are you teaching, witnessing to, or discipling? Who can you pray for an opportunity to do these things with?
7. Why do you think the angels want to understand the gospel? Why might it be hard for them to understand why Jesus would die for our sins?
8. Pray and ask Jesus to help you be someone who shares with others the spiritual truths you understand.

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I Peter 1:13-21

1. Whenever there is a "therefore" in a verse we should look to see what it is "there for." Verse 13 says, "Therefore." This means, since we have received a gracious salvation that the prophets spoke of and the angels want to understand (I Peter 1:10-12) we should do some specific things. List the three things we are challenged to do in verse 13 and write out what you think each means.

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2. What are we to no longer do according to verse 14, and what are we to do instead according to verses 15-16?

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3. List 5-10 specific things we are not to do?
4. What do you think it means to be holy?
5. How does God judge each man's life and actions? (verse 17)
6. How should we live since God is like this? (verse 17) What do you think this means?
7. What were we NOT redeemed with, and what were we redeemed with? Which is more valuable and why? (verses 18-19)
8. How does Peter describe our life before we were saved? (verse 17)
9. What 2 things do we find out about Jesus in verse 20?
10. What 2 things did God do for Jesus, and what 2 things does this cause us to have in God? (verse 21)

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I Peter 1:22-2:3

1. What 2 things should be true of us once we give our lives to Christ according to verse 22?
2. How are we to love other Christians? What do you think this means in a practical way? (verse 22)
3. What is the “imperishable seed” that causes us to be born again? (verse 23)
 - Read John 1:12-13. What does it say about where the seed for our new birth comes from?
 - Read John 3:3. What do people who are born again get to see according to Jesus?
4. What are men and women like? How is God’s word different than mankind? (verses 24-25)
 - NOTE: Peter knew his Old Testament. Read Isaiah 40:6-8 and you will see why I say this.
 - How well do you know the Bible? Why not memorize.

I Peter 1:23-25 (or some other verses) so that you begin to know the Bible better.
5. Since God has caused us to be born again through his word that never passes away, what should we rid our lives of? List the 5 things mentioned in I Peter 2:1.
 - Which of these things do you struggle with the most?
 - Ask God to help you remove these from your life.
6. “Pure spiritual milk” is translated “the milk of the word” in some versions. Why should we desire to fill our lives with God’s word? What will it help us do spiritually according to I Peter 2:2?

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I Peter 2:4-10

1. Peter now uses an illustration that may involve the Temple - the place in Israel's history where God met with men and men met with God. Peter was with Jesus when he spoke of himself as the living Temple - the place where God met with men and men met with God - the place of the Holy Spirit's presence. Read John 2:19-22, Mark 14:58 and Mark 15:29 before answering the questions on I Peter 2:4-10.
 - What temple did Jesus say he could raise in 3 days? (John 2:19)
 - What was different about this temple? (Mark 14:58)
2. What title is Jesus given in verse 4?
 - How did men respond to Jesus? (verse 4)
 - How does God see Jesus ? (verse 4)
3. What do we learn about Jesus from verses 6-8 that restate how men and God feel about Jesus?
4. What did Jesus say in Matthew 21:42?
5. Read Psalm 118:21-23 and Isaiah 28:16. Read Acts 4:1-22 to see another setting where Peter used these Old Testament verses.
6. What two titles are Christians given in I Peter 2:5, and what are we being built into?
7. What 4 titles are we given as Christians in verse 9?
8. What are we to do because of who we are? (verse 9)
9. What did we used to be, and who are we now that we have asked Christ to be our Savior? (Verse 10) How does this impact you, make you feel?

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James 2:14-26

1. What 3 terms does Peter use to refer to the Christian readers of this letter? (verse 11)
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2. How do each of the above terms apply to you and me?
3. How do the following verses reinforce the fact that this world is not our home - that we are "aliens and strangers on the earth"?
 - I Peter 1:1
 - Hebrews 11:11-16
 - Philippians 3:20-21
 - Colossians 3:1-4
 - II Corinthians 5:1-10
 - John 14:1-3
 - I John 2:15-17
 - Revelation 21:1-8
4. What are we to abstain from, and why? (I Peter 2:11)
5. How are we to live, and why? (I Peter 2:12)
6. Compare verse 12 to the words Peter heard Jesus say in Matthew 5:16. What kinds of deeds should we do, and why?

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I Peter 2:13-17

1. What command are we given in verse 13?
2. Who are we to honor in this way according to verses 13-14?
 - Remember that Peter wrote to Christians living in the Roman Empire, and the leaders of the Roman Empire were neither very moral, nor favorable to Christians. How would this make obeying this command difficult?
 - Who should we submit to today if we obey the principle given in these verses? Why would we not want to submit to them?
3. Why does God have government officials in positions of authority according to verse 14?
4. Read Romans 13:1-7.
 - How do governing officials get their authority? (verse 1)
 - Who do we rebel against if we disobey them? (verse 2)
 - How are governing authorities supposed to serve God? (v. 5)
 - What should we give to those in authority and why? (vs. 6-7)
5. What does God want us to do, and how will it impact others if we do it? (I Peter 2:15)
6. What two ways are we to live, and what do you think each means? (Remember, Peter was writing to people who lived in the Roman Empire.) (Verse 16)
7. What are we to do for the following people?
 - Everyone
 - Believers
 - God
 - The king

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I Peter 2:18-23

1. Who specifically is Peter addressing in verse 18?
2. What command does Peter give in verse 18?
"Slaves _____ yourselves to your _____"
3. What attitude were slaves to have toward their masters? (verse 18).
4. What kind of masters were to be treated this way? (verse 18)
5. Why does Peter say slaves ought to be respectful to harsh masters who sometimes beat them when they had done nothing wrong? (verses 19-20)
6. None of us are slaves, but most of us work for bosses.
What do these verses tell us about how we ought to respond to our bosses, even if they are real jerks, and why should we respond this way?
7. Verses 21-22 tell us that Jesus is our example in suffering at the hands of cruel people. He never did anything wrong (unlike you and me), and yet people mistreated him. How did Jesus respond to mistreatment according to verse 23?
 - When people hurled insults at him?
 - When he suffered?
 - What did he do instead of trying to get even?
8. What do you do when insulted or caused to suffer?
9. Ask God to help you be more like Christ when being attacked even though you've done nothing wrong.

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I Peter 2:24-25

1. What did Jesus do with our sins? (verse 24)
2. How does Galatians 3:13 help us understand what a great sacrifice Christ made for us by doing this? (See also Deut. 21:23)
3. Jesus took our sins on his body so that our lives would change. How are they to change according to I Peter 2:24?
4. Read Romans 6:11-14.
 - What are we to count ourselves dead to, and what are we to be alive to? (verse 11)
 - What is not to reign over us - what shouldn't we obey? (v12)
 - What should we not offer our bodies to - and who should we offer our bodies to? (verse 13)
5. In verse I Peter 2:24 Peter says, "by his wounds you have been healed." What do you think he means by that?
6. Read Isaiah 53:4-6. Again we find that Peter knew the Old Testament well. Hundreds of years before Jesus died on the cross for us Isaiah wrote these words. Peter knew them.
 - What did Jesus do for us and how did people misunderstand it? (Isaiah 53:4)
 - What three things did Jesus have done to him for us that brought us healing? (Isaiah 53:5)
 - What did we do that made it necessary for Christ to take our iniquity (sin) upon himself? (Isaiah 53:6)
 - Write out Isaiah 53:4-6 on a 3x5 card and memorize them.
7. How does I Peter 2:25 describe us, and how is it similar to Isaiah 53:4-6?

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I Peter 3:1-6

1. What group of people is Peter addressing in these verses?
2. What command does Peter give in verse 2?
"be _____ to your _____"
3. Peter says, "In the same way." He is referring to his previous command to be submissive in I Peter 2:18.
 - How were slaves to treat their masters (whether good or bad)?
 - How are wives to respond to their husbands, whether they believe God's word or not? (I Peter 3:1)
 - Why are they to respond to their husbands this way? (verse 1)
4. Some wives say, "I will submit to my husband if he will love me as Christ loves the church!" (Ephesians 5:22-25). How do these verses in I Peter show us that this is the wrong response for wives to have?
5. What should make an impact on a husband's life? (verse 2)
6. What two qualities of a woman's spirit should be the most attractive part of who she is? (verses 3-4)
 - What do you think these terms mean? (For example, does it mean a woman should never talk?)
7. What made the women of the past "beautiful" according to verses 4-5?
8. Who did these "beautiful" women put their hope in, God or their husbands? and why?
9. What did Sarah call Abraham? (verse 6) Is there any parallel today in how a wife ought to respond to her husband, or is it a whole different day and age and these verses do not apply to us? (By the way, the Bible is right in any day and age!)

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I Peter 3:7

1. Who is Peter addressing in this verse?
2. What command does Peter give husbands in this verse?
"be _____ as you live with your _____"
3. List at least 5 ways a husband can obey this command.
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4. Peter says, "in the same way" in this verse. He is referring back to what he said to wives in verses 1-4. What attitudes did Peter challenge wives to have that husbands should have for their wives?
5. How are husbands to treat their wives? (verse 7)
6. List at least 5 ways husbands can do this.
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7. What will happen to the prayers of a husband if he doesn't treat his wife with respect? (verse 7)
8. Read Ephesians 5:23-31 for further insights into how husbands ought to treat their wives.

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I Peter 3:8-12

1. Peter is wrapping up a section on how people ought to treat each other. Who is he speaking to according to verse 8?
"Finally, _____ of _____"
2. What 5 commands does Peter give his readers in verse 8?
 - live in _____
 - be _____
 - _____ as brothers
 - be _____
 - and be _____
3. In your opinion, which of the above commands is the hardest for most people to obey? Which is most difficult for you?
4. What shouldn't we do when others attack us, and what should we do instead? (verse 9)
5. Read Romans 12:17-21 and Luke 6:27-38 for more insights on how and why to do this.
6. Again, in verses 10-12 Peter quotes from the Old Testament. Read Psalm 34:12-16 and then read I Peter 3:10-12 again.
 - If we want to love life, what must we do about our speech?
"keep his tongue _____ for and his lips from _____"
 - How will this help us love life?
 - If we want to love life, what must we do with our actions? " _____ from evil and _____ good"
 - How will this help us love life?
 - If we want to love life, what attitudes must we have? "seek _____ and _____ it"
 - How will this help us love life?
7. How does II Chronicles 16:9 reinforce the truth of I Peter 3:12?
8. How can you become a "righteous" person that God helps?

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I Peter 3:13-17

1. What answer does Peter assume will be given to verse 13?
2. Why do you think Peter says we are blessed if we suffer for doing what is right?
 - See if Matthew 5:10-12 helps you understand this?
 - How does I Peter 3:20 help you understand this?
3. Peter now gives us a formula for how we can help people come to know Christ who don't know him. (I Peter 3:15)
 - **FIRST** - "In your _____ set apart Christ as _____."
What does this mean?
 - **SECOND** - "Always be _____ to give an _____."
How can you do this?
 - **THIRD** - "To everyone who _____ you to give a _____
for the _____ that you have."
What would the answer be?
 - **FOURTH** - "Do this with _____ and _____."
Why do you need these two qualities when talking to a non-Christian about Christ?
 - **FIFTH** - "Keeping a clear _____."
Why is this important to do before you witness?
4. The Christianity 401 class at our church teaches people how to, in a gentle and respectful way, tell others about how Christ has changed our life and how he can change theirs. Are you prepared to give an answer if someone asks, "How can I become a Christian?" Do you have a hope that would make others want what you have?
5. What does verse 17 tell us? What does it have to do with this passage?

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I Peter 3:18-22

1. What did Christ die for? (verse 18)
"Christ died for _____"
2. How many times does he have to die? (verse 18)
"Christ died for _____"
3. How many people did Christ die for? (verse 18)
"Christ died for _____ for _____"
4. What made Christ worthy to die for unrighteous people?(v. 18)
5. Why did Christ die for our sins? (verse 18) "to _____ you to _____."
6. What died, and what was made alive? (verse 18)
 - How is that true of us too?
7. Verses 19-20 are difficult to understand. Many theologians have debated what these verses mean. They state that in the spirit Jesus went and spoke to people in "hades" after his death. Ephesians 4:8-10 says something similar. What happened after he spoke there, it doesn't say.
8. How many people were saved in the ark (including Noah)? (verse 20) (See Genesis 6-9 for details. Genesis 7:13 tells us who specifically was in the ark with Noah.)
9. Verse 21 makes it sound like baptism saves us. Let's look at what the verse specifically says:

Baptism isn't about "the removal of _____ from the _____"
Baptism is about "the pledge of a good _____ toward God"
Baptism "saves you by the _____ of Jesus Christ"
10. It is really the resurrection of Jesus Christ that saves us, not baptism. Baptism is just a way we show we believe in the resurrection. (Romans 10:9-10 tells us it is the belief in the resurrection that saves us. See Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 6:3-5 too.)
11. Where is Christ now, and who does he have authority over? (verse 22)

My Appointment With God On Day 16

I Peter 4:1-6

1. Why should we be prepared to suffer (verse 1)?
2. What do non-Christians live their lives for? (verse 2)
3. What are Christians to live their lives for? (verse 2)
4. What do non-Christians (pagans) choose to do with their time? (verse 3)

List all 6 activities given in this verse, then identify where and how we see people doing these things today.

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5. Why do non-Christians sometimes insult or verbally abuse Christians? (verse 4)
6. What should make non-Christians stop and think and give us comfort as Christians? (verse 5)
7. For what two reasons is the gospel preached? (verse 6)

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I Peter 4:7-II

1. What is near? (verse 7)
2. Since this is true, what two qualities should we seek to have in our lives, and why should we want to be this way? (verse 7)
3. Does the last half of verse 7 describe you? Are you clear minded, self-controlled and someone who prays? If so, when do you pray? If not, what do you need to do to make your life more like this?
4. What are we to do above all? (verse 8)
"Above all, _____ each other _____"
5. Do you feel this way about people in your church - about other Christians? Why or why not?
6. Why should we do this above all? (verse 8)
"Because _____ covers a _____ of sins."
 - Write out Proverbs 10:12 word for word below.
 - What does Colossians 3:14 tell us to do, and why?
7. What are we to do for each other, and how are we to do it? (9)
8. What are we to use our spiritual gifts to do? (verse 10)
 - Why is it hard for us to serve others?
 - What is your gift, and how are you using it to serve others?

(Our Christianity 301 class helps you discover your gifts and where you can use them to serve others. Why not attend?)
9. Fill in the blanks from the information given in verse 11.
 - We should speak _____
 - We should serve _____
 - All things we do should _____

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I Peter 4:7-II

1. If we are Christians, what should NOT surprise us? (verse 12)
2. What two reasons are given in verse 13 for us to rejoice in our sufferings?
3. Verse 14 says if we are insulted for being a Christian it only proves that...
...the _____ of glory and of _____ rest _____ you.”
4. What four things should we not have to suffer for according to verse 15?
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5. If we suffer for being a Christian we should...
“...not be _____”
but _____ God that we bear that _____”
6. No matter what we do or who we are, someone in life makes fun of us, criticizes us or persecutes us. These verses simply say it is better to belong to God and suffer for something good that we believe in than to not belong to God and suffer for being sinners. No matter what we do in life we will suffer! What do you suffer for in your life?
7. What do verses 17-18 tell us about who suffers and how?
8. What are we supposed to do if we suffer for doing God’s will according to verse 19?

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I Peter 5:1-4

1. Who is Peter addressing in verse 1?
2. Read Titus 1:5-9 and list all the qualities given there for someone to become an elder.
3. What command does Peter give the elders in verse 2?
"Be _____ of God's flock that is under you _____"
4. What three challenges does Peter give the elders, shepherds, or overseers? (verses 2-3)
serve "not because you _____
but because you are _____"
"not _____ for _____
but eager to _____"
"not _____ it over those _____ to you,
but being _____ to the flock."
5. How important is it for leaders in the church to obey these three challenges and why?
Which one do you think is hardest for church leaders to keep today?
6. What reward do church leaders receive if they keep these commands, and who do they receive it from?
7. How is Jesus described in I Peter 3:25? What does this say about how important it is for church leaders to be like Christ?

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I Peter 5:5-7

1. Verses 1-4 gave a challenge to "elders," or older men in the church. What are young men to do? (verse 5)
2. What does Titus 2:3-5 tell us older women and younger women are to do?
3. What are all of us to do according to I Peter 5:5?
4. Who does God oppose, and who does He help? (I Peter 5:5) Which category do you fit best in?
5. If we humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, what will he do for us? (I Peter 5:6)
 - Can you think of some people from the Bible that this was true of?
 - How does Philippians 2:5-11 show us this was true of Jesus?
 - Sometime read about Joseph in Genesis 37-50 and about Daniel in the book of Daniel and you will see two others that this was true of.
6. What are we to throw on God and why? (I Peter 5:7)
7. What are you anxious about right now? List 3-5 things that have you worried, then read Philippians 4:6-7. Finally give your anxieties and worries humbly to God, thank him for how good he is to you, and ask him to give you a peace about all this, and ask him to lift you above the worries.

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I Peter 5:5-7

1. What two commands are we given in verse 8?
"Be _____ and _____."
2. What two descriptions are given of the devil in verse 8?
3. What are we to do when we encounter the devil? (verse 9)
 - What does Ephesians 6:10-13 tell us to do when we encounter the devil?
 - What does James 4:7 tell us the devil will do if we resist him and stand firm in Christ?
 - What did Jesus do to resist the devil in Matthew 4:1-11?
 - How does Jesus' example show us the importance of memorizing Bible verses?
4. What will God do for us if we resist the devil and suffer for a little while? (verse 10)
5. In what ways do you think the devil is trying to bring you down right now?
6. What are you doing to resist the devil and stand firm in Christ?
7. Who helped Peter with this letter? (You might want to check out other verses in the Bible that tell you about him if your Bible has cross references.)
8. What did Peter want his letter to do for those who read it? (verse 12) Has it done that for you?
9. Where was Peter writing from, and who else was with him? (verse 13) (Acts 12:1-19 might help you understand Peter and Mark's closeness.)