

“Feed My Sheep” 1st and 2nd Peter

Lesson #2 An Inheritance Incorruptible

1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV) *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, .*

Peter explained how Christians should respond when they suffer, to trust the Lord, live obediently no matter what your circumstances, and keep your hope fixed on God’s ultimate promise of deliverance

2 Pet 3:1 *This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved.*

To The Exiles

1 Peter 1:1 (NKJV) *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

Ephesians 1:1 (NKJV) *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:*

Peter identifies a region where his letter was directed: Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. These are all regions in Asia Minor, east of the Bosphorus in Turkey.

Who is Peter writing to?

***James 1:1** *James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.*

John 7:35 (NKJV) *Then the Jews said among themselves, “Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?”*

Diaspora [dahy-as-per-uh] noun

1. The scattering of the Jews to countries outside of Palestine after the Babylonian captivity. 2. Any group migration or flight from a country or region dispersed outside its traditional homeland.

3. The spread or dissemination of something originally confined to a local, homogeneous group, as seed or a language or cultural.

Galatians 2:7–9 (NKJV) *But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter ⁸ (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.*

Galatians 2:11–12 (ESV) *But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.*

Acts 2:5–11 (NKJV) *And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ...⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”*

Elected

1 Peter 1:2 (NKJV) *elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

Father, Son, Holy Spirit

***1 Timothy 2:3–4** (NKJV) *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV) *Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’*

Romans 6:6 (NKJV) *knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

Key Themes

1 Peter 1:3–8 (NKJV) *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, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

⁶ *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,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, Job 23:10 “I shall come out as Gold.”*

1 Peter 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,*

***John 20:29** (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV) *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

1 Peter 1:9 *receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.*

Romans 6:22 (NKJV) *But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*

1 Peter 1:10 *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,*

Hebrews 11:13 (NKJV) *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

John 8:56 (NKJV) *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”*

1 Peter 1:11, 12 *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.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.*

Ephesians 3:10 (NKJV) *to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,*

Daniel 8:13 (NKJV) *Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will*

the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?”

Living the Life of Salvation

1 Peter 1:13–16 (NKJV) *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,¹⁶ because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*

Leviticus 11:44–45 (NKJV) *For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.⁴⁵ For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.*

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NKJV) *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.*

***Luke 1:74–75** (NKJV) *To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.*

Love One Another

1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV) *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*

John 13:34 (NKJV) *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

1 John 3:14 (NKJV) *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

1 Peter 1:23–25 *having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,²⁴ because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.*