





# 1 Peter 1:1-12

New American Standard Bible

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus <sup>S</sup> Christ, To those who reside as aliens,   
 2 scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and <sup>G</sup>  
 3 Bithynia, who are chosen <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God  
 4 the <sup>F</sup> Father, by the sanctifying work of the <sup>H</sup> Spirit, to obey Jesus  
 5 Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May  grace and peace be  
 6 yours in the fullest measure. <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of  
 7 our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has  
 8 caused us to be born again to a living hope through the  
 9 resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to obtain an  
 10 inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade  
 11 away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power  
 12 of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the  
 13 last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little  
 14 while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so  
 15 that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which  
 16 is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in  
 17 praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>8</sup> and  
 18 though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do  
 19 not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy  
 20 inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your  
 21 faith the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup> As to this salvation, the  
 22 prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you  
 23 made careful searches and inquiries, <sup>11</sup> seeking to know what  
 24 person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as  
 25 He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. <sup>12</sup> It  
 26 was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but  
 27 you, in these things which now have been announced to you  
 28 through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit  
 29 sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

## Observation (What does it say?):

What do you notice in this passage?

- Mark each mention of **G**od, **F**ather, **S**on, **H**oly Spirit.
- Mark each positive characteristic or action. 
- Mark each adverse characteristic or action. 

## Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

- What connections might there be between God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the positive parts of the passage?
- What connections might there be between God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the adverse parts of the passage?
- What parts seem unclear or confusing?
- What parts challenge your previous thinking?
- What questions come to mind as you read?

## Application (What does it mean for me?):

- If someone came to you curious about the gospel and asking about this passage, how would you use this text to explain what it means to follow Jesus?
- Who was the person who did verse 12 in your life, “those who preached the gospel to you”?
- How might you be the one who does verse 12 in someone else’s life? How would this passage affect how you would do that?

**Additional questions for 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)**