

THE LIVING HOPE OF BELIEVERS

Introduction: Peter explained why God allows believers to suffer, exhorted them to be separate from the world and encouraged them to fervently love one another with a pure heart.

Lesson Aim: To give a living hope to believers that are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: "God . . . has begotten us again unto a lively (or, living) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet 1:3).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Introduction - 1:1-2**

1. How does God determine which sinners should be elected for salvation? 1:2
2. What does the Spirit do for believers so they can obey Jesus Christ? 1:2
3. What does the Spirit do for believers regarding the blood of Jesus Christ? 1:2

II. Salvation - 1:3-12

4. What has God done to give living hope to born again believers? 1:3
 5. Describe the inheritance that God gives to believers. 1:4
 6. What does God do for believers so they can know they have eternal life? 1:5
 7. Why does God allow believers to suffer many temptations (trials)? 1:6-7
 8. What enables Christians to rejoice greatly with full glory? 1:8-9
 9. What perplexed the old prophets regarding Christ that is now revealed to us? 1:10-12
- "The _____ of Christ and the _____ that should follow."

III. Sanctification - 1:13-21. The Spirit sets believers apart from the world for God.

10. How can believers be sanctified as they wait for Christ's return? 1:13
11. How are believers sanctified when they imitate the nature of God? 1:14-16
12. How does the judgment of God sanctify believers? 1:17
13. What did Jesus give to believers for their sanctification? 1:18-19
14. When did God ordain His Son to die for our sins? 1:20
15. What did God do that gives believers faith and hope? 1:21

IV. Stimulation - 1:22-25

16. What will stimulate believers to fervently love the brethren with a pure heart? 1:22
17. Why does the Word of God stimulate believers to live godly lives? 1:23
18. What is unique about the Word of God compared to the words of men? 1:23, 25
19. How did this lesson make you a better child of God?