



WEEK 1 | HOPE FOR THE LOST | 1 PETER 3:8-22

Inspection – “What does it say?”

What are the five characteristics of the believer that Peter mentions in verse 8?
How is the follower of Christ to handle those who do evil or insult them? (verse 9)
What two things should the follower of Christ pursue? (verse 11)
What should the follower of Christ always be prepared to do? (verse 15)
What role does baptism play in the life of the sinner according to verse 21?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

Read verse 8. Why is being “sympathetic” and “compassionate” essential?
What is God’s prescription for happiness in verses 10-12?
Explain the phrase “do not fear what they fear” in verse 14.
Who are the “spirits in prison” in verse 19?
How can water save us? (verse 21)

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Consciously return blessings for insults when you have the opportunity.
Pray with the understanding that God is attentive to your prayers as seen in verse 12.
Memorize not only the words of 1 Peter 3:15-16, but also the book/chapter/verse.
Do a word study of baptism in the book of Acts.
Plan a conversation about baptism with a friend who is outside of Christ.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

Matthew 5:16	Isaiah 43:10	2 Timothy 2:1-3	Proverbs 14:25
Matthew 5:15	Romans 12:1	Romans 1:16	2 Timothy 1:8

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Psalm 34

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

Fear the Lord, you His holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry;

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,

To blot out their name from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

He delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;

He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord will rescue His servants;

No one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.

A Psalm of King David